

THE

# PLANS,

Elevations and Sections,

OF

# HOLKHAM

IN

## NORFOLK,

The SEAT of the late

## EARL of LEICESTER.

To which are added,

The CIELINGS and CHIMNEY-PIECES;

AND ALSO

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# The Right Honourable

# MARGARET,

Countess Dowager of Leicester,

And Baroness Clifford.

PERMIT me to lay before your Ladyship, in their present enlarged state, the Plans, Elevations, and Sections of HOLKHAM. To them indeed your Ladyship has so indisputable a claim, that it would be the highest injustice to withhold a tribute, which your Munificence alone enables me to pay.

Animated with the zeal of its excellent Founder, your Ladyship, by adding the finishing touches to the Great Work of HOLKHAM, has brought it to the degree of splendour, in which it now appears, the delight of the present age, as it promises, from the solidity of its construction,

to be that of posterity, while the love of Roman Arts and Magnificence shall continue to distinguish the taste and spirit of a learned and opulent People.

Your affection for the memory, and zeal for the honour, of the EARL of LEICESTER, are not more confpicuous in the completion of that noble Edifice, than in the publication of these Designs, which are accurately delineated from it by your command; since nothing is now wanting to commemorate, in the most perfect manner, the Taste, the Elegance, and the refined Erudition, of its illustrious Founder.

That your Ladyship may long live to reflect lustre on rank, and to enjoy the reputation which a conduct like yours has merited, is the grateful prayer of, MADAM,

Your Ladyship's

Obliged, obedient, and

Faithful servant,

Matthew Brettingham.

# PREFACE.

HE general ideas of the Plans, Elevations, and Sections, of Holkham Hall, in the county of Norfolk, were first struck out by the Earls of Burlington and Leicester, affisted by Mr. William Kent, who had been encouraged in his studies at Rome by the joint patronage of those two Noblemen, at that time making the tour of Italy.

The Earl of Leicester, whose attachment to the Fine Arts is well known, amidst the improvements of Planting and Agriculture, carried on with success at Holkham, never lost fight of his favorite object, which was the rearing of his Villa, and of the works connected with it. Besides attending to the interior embellishments of Paintings and Statues, which he had begun to collect during his residence at Rome, and in which he was aided by an extensive literature, and intimate knowledge of the picturesque arts acquired in Italy, he continued with uncommon diligence to improve and elucidate the first sketches of the plans and elevations concerted with the Earl of Burlington and Mr. Kent; and in this he was guided by those great luminaries of architecture, Palladio and Inigo Jones.

In the space of time which passed from the commencement of the building, to the conclusion of the principal or centre part of this villa, so many alterations indeed took place, that very few traces of the original thoughts remained untouched, as will appear in the subsequent exposition.

The infide of the Earl and Countess of Leicester's family wing, which contained their own elegant apartment, was only finished from designs supplied by Mr. Kent, without undergoing any material change.

The decorations of the Grand Apartment, and of the other two principal wings, one of which was ultimately perfected and richly furnished by the Countes of Leicester, and likewise the \*Chapel, totally completed by her

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Part of the great hall, north ftate-bed-chamber apartment, the veftibule under the portico, the chapel, and ftrangers (or new wing), the fteward's evidence-office, the flables, the north-well fide of the lawn, and platform before the north front of the houte, by her Ladyship's zeal, and the diligence of the acting truftee, Ralph Cauldwell, Efq. were brought to a final conclusion in the year 1764.

Ladyship after the Earl's death, were for the most part taken from Degodetz's Antiquities, or from the Designs of Palladio and Inigo Jones.

The elevation of the Garden Front, intended originally to have been of ftone work, was in the first sketches intirely rusticated, and an Attic or bedchamber story proposed for the central building, with elliptical windows in the freeze of the entablature to light it, ornamented with shield or target work, in the manner of Italian mezzonini; but these are omitted. The grand entablature, with its portico to the fouth, of the Corinthian order, was copied from the Pantheon at Rome, as given in Palladio's book of antiquities.

The idea of the Great Hall was fuggested by the Earl himself, from the judicious and learned Palladio's example of a Basilica, or tribunal of justice, exhibited in his Designs for Monsignor Barbaro's translation of Vitruvius. The tribunal part, or semi-circular nich at the upper end, contains the slight of steps leading up to the saloon, or grand anti-camera; that to the

right and left, conducts to the apartments.

Imagination can fcarcely form an idea more majeftic than that of the great hall, which is one of the nobleft derived to us from the antients; nor perhaps will any space of the same magnitude admit of a grander display of architecture. Its stately range of sluted columns, enriched with purple and white variegated alabaster; the splendor of its various ornaments in the cicling, in the cove, in the softies of the architrave, and of the columnades; all decorated with admirable propriety from the purest models of antiquity, jointly produce an effect that perfectly corresponds with our ideas of Vitruvian magnificency.

The order of columns which forms a Colonnade, or gallery of communication, leading to the apartments on each fide the hall, and which is supported on a basement of the same purple and white alabaster, was taken from the Ionic temple of Fortuna Virilis at Rome, and well executed by the late Mr. Pickford, who also performed the greatest part of the inlay, or incrusted work of the basement. The quadrangular diminishing mosaics in the cove from the above-mentioned Pantheon, the whole entablature and compartment cicling in stucco, and all the other ciclings, cornices, and entablatures, in the numerous apartments of this Villa, were conducted, from their commencement, by the ingenious Mr. Thomas Clark, of Westmisster; who, bred in the school of Lord Burlington, has with great accuracy followed the antique manner, in the several works carried on under his directions at Holkham.

The Statue Gallery, a capital part of the plan, and the completest in this kingdom, for the manner and stile of finishing, bears a near analogy to

that in the Earl of Burlington's elegant little villa at Chifwick; confeffedly taken, though with many deviations, from the Marchefe Capri's, built by Andrea Palladio, near the town of Vicenza. The gallery of Chifwick, which is that of Holkham in miniature, is not indeed to be found in Palladio's plan just named; but its resemblance may be traced in the plans of a town-house, constructed by that architect, for the Counts Thieni, within the walls of the same city.

Rustic basements were at that period much in vogue, and applied to many capital villas, erected fomewhat prior to that of Holkham, in different parts of the kingdom; as Houghton Hall, in Norfolk, the feat of the Earl of Orford; Wanstead House, in Essex; and in Yorkshire, the Marquis of Rockingham's; with fome others, all, in that respect, imitations of Palladio's villas in the Venetian territories. The peculiar conveniency of this difposition consists in having the upper servants offices, to which the basement ftory is appropriated, placed under the principal apartments, confequently nearer to the master and his company. In large extended country-houses, where the chief apartment occupies the plan of the ground-floor, to preferve a fuite of rooms unmixed with meaner objects, these offices are frequently branched out at confiderable distances in the neighbouring pavilions: but commodiousness was one of the Earl of Leicester's leading maxims; and this fensible principle is diffused through every part of the plan, which, though extensive and numerous in its divisions, is nevertheless constructed with beautiful fimplicity, and that fymmetry of disposition, from whence conveniency uniformly refults: Whether separately considered, or in connexion with its wings; the grand apartment prefents almost one regular declination of rooms, diminishing from the centre, which is the largest and most dignified part, communicating with facility, and receding gradually to the extreme and leffer apartments fituated in the wings, with which, on the fouth fide, the corridors included, it forms an enfilade of twelve diftinct fpaces, or rooms, terminated each way by a window; and produces an extent of nearly three hundred and forty four feet.

The junction of the wings to the main body, or central building, by means of strait rectilinear corridors, which on the south side of the plan are also stair-cases, is another admirable contrivance; as they serve either to unite the principal sloors of the Chapel, and of the two capital wings, with the state apartment, or detach it from them at pleasure; communicating either directly with the garden without, or with the servants offices below on the basement story; which is one of the chief advantages attending the plan of Holkham.

Long

Long extended corridors in a circular form, although they may be allowed to add grace to an elevation, have this defect in common, that by reason of their curvature, they do not admit of easy and direct accesses to the wings placed at their extremities: they likewise divide the offices too far from the house; which is a fault in the distribution of a plan, whenever it falls out that the Family apartment is given to one of the wings or pavilions: but this manner of connecting the separate corps of buildings by short rectilinear corridors or galleries, at once obviates those inconveniencies, and unites commodiousness with elegance.

The mode of placing the four pavilions diverging from the four extreme angles of the centre building, and connected with it by four rectilinear corridors, feems to have been borrowed from Palladio's plan of a villa, defigned for the Cavalier Leonardo Mocenigo upon the Brenta; with this difference, that Palladio's corridors are only rectilinear towards the courts; which courts are open at one end, to admit prospects of the country, similar to those of Holkham; whereas, on the outward sides, his corridors, referred to, are not only circular and uninclosed, but also advance the whole depth of their projecture beyond the front line of the centre building.

The preference which the Earl of Leicester always showed to the works of Palladio, who not only excelled in the practical knowledge of architecture, but also surpassed all his rivals in the taste and elegance of his compositions for country-houses, brings to my remembrance a thought which the Earl once entertained of adopting Palladio's plan of a villa, begun, though not sinished, at Meledo, a place in the Vicentine, for the brothers Triffini: but this picturesque idea, beautiful as it is in the original design, was also laid aside by his Lordship, as probably not answering the situation, nor being large enough to admit of offices adequate to the Earl's samily and fortunes.

The stone Bridge at the commencement of the lake, the Obelisk, the Temple-building contiguous, the Seat upon the mount, the two Arches which inclose the pleasure garden, as well as the distant building called the Triumphal Arch at the entrance of the approach, were all deduced from sketches of Mr. Kent, with considerable alterations made in the designs, long before these works were erected; and also with an accuracy in the execution, that distinguishes the various edifices of Holkham.

The care of proportioning the parts at large, and the detail of each member of the buildings in particular, was committed by the Earl of Leicester to the fuperintendance of his own architect, the late Mr. Matthew Brettingham, of Norwich, the first publisher of some part of this work, who in the knowledge of sound building, as laid down in the school of Vitruvius, was allowed to equal,

equal, if not excel, all the professors of his time; and, in fact, the characteristic merit of Holkham is most discernable in the accurate performance of its work-manship.

It is worthy of remark, that the obelisk, a pillar of eighty feet high, measured from the base line to the extremity of its point, is only cased with Bath-stone ashler, fastened together with iron cramps, and, as the work advanced, filled up with regular courses of brick-work laid dry, and cemented with grout or liquid mortar. The difficulty consisted in preventing the settlement of the inner nucleus, or brick core, from the outside courses of stone ashler; which this method effectually removed. Inigo Jones was the first that introduced the diamond or state point; but the Architect of Holkham has followed the rules of antiquity, and given its termination an equilateral triangle; of which alteration Lord Burlington afterwards approved. This obelisk, the first work erected at Holkham, was completed in the year 1729.

The Portico of the Temple, all except the crests and cyphers in the freeze, was taken from an example of the Doric order, exhibited in the Parallele de l'Architecture, which the author, M. de Chambray, gives as a design of that excellent Italian artist Pirro Ligorio, from an antient fragment found at Albano near Rome. The projection of the cornice is very large, more than equal to its height; and Lord Burlington, who saw it soon after its completion, pronounced it to be the best-executed piece of work he had seen performed in his time.

In the grand apartment the defigns of the principal Chimney-pieces, done in various Italian marbles by the late Moffrs. Pickford and Carter, were for the most part copied from Inigo Jones's works: and these, with the Explanations that will be given to each Plate, are sufficient to show in what manner the Earl of Leicester conducted his building operations.

It may not be deemed improper, to add fome account of the Constructive part, and of the Materials employed in building this admired Villa; in which the conceptions of so many eminent Virtuosi as well ancient as modern are affembled, and which was deservedly the delight of its Noble Founder; who, during a period of not less than thirty years, co-operated not only in the choice and appropriation of every member and ornament, before any part was given out to the workmen for execution; but also with a diligent and learned judgment affished in conducting each thought, to what the Italians style its Ideata Persezzione.

Vitruvius, the father of architecture, informs us that brick edifices were held in higher estimation, by the old Romans, than even those of marble, for durability and firmness; and it is certain at this day, that the fragmented bricks of ancient ruinated edifices are preferred by the modern Roman builders for rough walling, and for façades of houses intended to be stuccoed over. Whether we have any brick earth of so durable a quality, is difficult to ascertain.\* Theirs was undoubtedly

The old Roman bricks were lefs than two of our inches in thickness, and perfectly well burnt; to which they owed much of their duration.

undoubtedly the fame fort of clay now used by the Roman sculptors for modelling, and by their potters for vases and culinary vessels, compact, tenacious, and when burnt, if cast in moulds, a little polished. The Holkham bricks resemble the modern yellow brick of the Romans, both in colour and hardness: this similarity was discovered by comparing them with one accidentally sent from Rome in the packing-case of an antique statue.

Bath stone, in deference to its fine yellow tinck, was first fixed on for the external surface of the intended structure; but a brick earth was found out in one of the neighbouring villages of Birnham, which, with proper seasoning and tempering, produced an excellent well-shaped brick, approaching nearly to the colour of Bath stone, full as ponderous, and of a much sirmer texture. Of this earth bricks were formed for the outside walls, and likewise, by means of various moulds, for the rustics of the basement story: some shaped the Bird'smouth, or rustic joint; others, the window arches; some the headers, and some the stretchers; and not less than thirty different sizes were required to complete the sigure of one single rustic.

The like diligence was used in preparing the mortar for the walls, which, being first mixed in due proportions of lime and sand, was afterwards (to render it of sufficient fineness for close brick-work) ground between a pair of large mill-stones, sitted to an engine for that purpose.

All the inner joints of the walls were carefully filled with this mortar, made up into grout, and poured, in a liquid state, upon every course, or every two courses, of the brick-work. The good effects of this method the architect had observed in the rubble flint-stone walling of Gothic structures, where the mortar, though composed only of soft chalk-lime, mixed with drifted fand, taken out of rivulets, is found to have acquired a degree of hardness equal to many natural petrifications. He also took care, that no part of the principal walls should be fupported upon timber or wood-work, lest in decaying it might damage the fabric. What was requifite to connect the parts of the building together, is fo fituated, as to be of no further use, after the brick-work had acquired a perfect fettlement. So little indeed does the strength of this edifice depend upon the affiftance of its timbers, that the girders of the principal floors were not hoifted into their respective situations till after the roof had been raised to the building, and the walls of the house fully perfected. To discharge the weight of brick-work, and to render the fabric in every part equally folid and permanent, over doors, windows, niches and chimney-openings, arches and counter-arches were constructed, and every precaution employed, that judgment and a perfect knowledge of mechanism could suggest.

<sup>\*</sup> This was done to avoid cutting the bricks; which causes a discolouration of their surfaces.

## EXPLANATION.

#### PLATE I.

HE Centre part of this extensive Villa contains the Principal or Grand Apartment, situated in the middle of four considerable Wings, or Pavilions, that are joined to it by Galleries, or Rectilinear Corridors.

Under the Basement Story are the Cellars; and there is also a Furnace beneath the Floor of the Hall, for the conveniency of warming it; which it does by means of Brick Flues, that have their Funnels for the conveyance of Smoke carried up in the lateral Walls.

Each Wing has its respective destination: one is allotted to the uses of the Kitchen and its Offices; to which is adjoined a Court for its lesser or inserior Appendages.

The lower part of another Wing is given to the Dairy, the Wash-House, and the Landry; which latter has likewise its contiguous Court or Drying-Yard: and these Courts, although they contain a number of smaller Buildings, commodiously situated near those Offices to which they belong, are nevertheless so happily concealed from outward observation, that their boundary Walls (which rise, no higher than to the Plinth of the Basement Story) are scarcely perceived on either side of the Principal Fronts.

At opposite Angles on the Western Quarter, more advantageously placed to command Views of the Lake, the Lawn, and the Garden, are fituated the two other Pavilions, which are the Principal. One of these contains a complete Family Apartment, for the Master, the Lady, and those Servants whose attendance near them is more immediately required: an Anti-Room of 18 feet square, two Dress. This very elegant, and well-judged Apartment. In the Rustic Basement below (which is the Ground Floor) are Rooms for the Valet de Chambre, the Lady's Woman, a Secretary's Office, a neat Eating-Room 24 by 18, called the Rustic Parlour, a Room for Bathing, an Anti-Room, one Foot-Man's, and one House-Maid's Room; beside an Attic Story in the centre part of the Wing; which consists of a Bed-Chamber, Dressing-Room, two Closets, and one Servant's Bed-Room: In the Under-ground Story is a Vault for the Engine that conveys Water to a Lead Ciftern placed on the lower Roof of the Pavillon, for the uses of the Bath and Water Closets. This Story is intirely arched over with Brick Work.

The Plan of the fourth Pavilion is wholly calculated to accommodate the Friends of the Mafter, and is therefore denominated the Strangers Wing. To answer this intention, it is divided upon the Ground Floor into fingle Bed-Chambers; and above, on the principal Story, where it communicates with the Grand Apartment, (which it does at the North End of the Statue Gallery) it is again divided into Bed-Chambers, fingle or double Drefling-Rooms, as may occasionally be most requisite. \*
This Wing has also an Attic similar to that before described, with its Engine for rasing, and Cistern for a supply of Water to the Closets, which are commodiously disposed to serve the Apartments.

B Separated

<sup>\*</sup> All the Apartments of this Wing were fitted up by the direction of the Countels of Leicester.

Separated at a proper diffance from the Mafter's Pavilion, is the Land-Steward's Lodge, or Evidence-Room, for himfelf and his Clerk; which on its Front to the Garden is decorated with a Tufcan Portico of four Columns, copied, in a lefter Scale, from Inigo Jones's of Covent-Garden Church: and this Building, with the Brewing-Office, and Horle-Engine contiguous (for raifing Water to supply the Landry and Kitchen Offices) the new Stables, and Stable Appendixes, fituated on the farther fide of the Lake, comprehend all the detached Offices that belong to this capacious and elegant Villa.

## GRAND APARTMENT.

HALL 46 by 70, and 43 Feet high.

Its fluted Alabaster Columns, of the Ionic Order, were taken from Degodetz's Measures of the Temple of Fortuna Virilis at Rome; the Ornaments of the Cove, from the Pantheon of Agrippa; and the Cicling, from Inigo Jones.

## STATUES in the Niches of the Colonnade.

Antinous, of the Capitol; a Plaster Cast.

Santa Susanna, of Fiamingo; a ditto.

Flora, or the Empress Sabina, in that Character; a Cast from a most beautiful antique Drapery Figure, found in the Villa Adriana, preserved in the Capitol.

Bacchus, of the Villa Medici; a rare Cast.

Venus de Belle Fesse, Pal. Farnese; ditto.

Julia Mammea, in Trevatine Stone; an Antique, bought by the Earl of Leicester at Rome.

Faun with the Nacchare, in Marble; Antique,

Antique Faun, in Marble; bought of the late Mr. Pond by M. B.

Septimius Severus, in Marble; an Antique, bought by M. B.

Isis, or Priestess of Isis; a Cast from the Statue in the Capitol.

Apollo, from an Armique in the Stair Cafe of Cardinal Alexander Albani's Palace at Rome; reftored by Carlos Monaldi, of whom this Cast was purchased by M. B.

The Hexagonal Mofaics, in the head of the great Nich leading to the Saloon, were copied from Degodetz's defigns of the Temple of Peace, given in his Book of Roman Antiquities.

#### SALOON 28 Feet by 40, and 32 Feet high.

The whole Entablature, which is of the Composite Order, is taken from Palladio's Proportions; the Foliage in the Freeze, and Octagon Mofaics in the Cove of the Cieling, from Degodetz.

The Hangings of this Room are of Crimson Cassoy.

Two Sicilian Marble Column Chimney-Pieces, with Bas Reliefs in the Tablets of the Freezes; by the late Mr. Thomas Carter.

Over the Centre Door is a large Antique Marble Busto of Juno, bought at Rome by M. B.

#### PICTURES in the Saloon.

Continence of Scipio Africanus; a large Historical composition with many Figures, painted for the Earl of Leicester, when at Rome, by Giuseppe Chiari. The Earl, then a Youth, is introduced in the Character of Allucius.

Over the Chimney-Piece adjoining is a Picture of Tarquin and Lucretia, by Procacini.

Its Companion, above the other Chimney-Piece, is the Story of Perfeus delivering Andromeda from the Sea-Monster; by Giuseppe Chiari.

At the other end of the Saloon is a large Picture, that fills up the intire space between the two Doors, by Pietro Cortona. The Subject of this Painting is Coriolanus in the Camp of the Volsci, where he receives the Deputies from the Senate, which he does in a menacing attitude. The Painter has united into one piece the two Ambassies, that of the Roman Priests, and that of Coriolanus's Mother and his Family; though these deputations fell out, according to Livy, at two different periods of time.

Two Female Portraits over the Doors: one is playing on a Harpfichord; the other, with a Mallet in her Hand, is faid to be of Carlo Maratt's Miftress; painted by Carlo Maratt.

Over the other fide Doors are two well-coloured half-length Figures, reprefenting Summer and Winter; by Agoftino Sylla, a Difciple of Andrea Sacchi.

There are two fine Antique Mosaic Tables in this Room, found in the Villa Adriana, near Tivoli, and purchased of Cardinal Furietti by M. B.

#### DRAWING-ROOM, 30 by 22, and 22 Feet in Height.

This Cieling is from Inigo Jones; and the standing Griffins in the Freeze of the Entablature, out of Degodetz.

Statuary Marble Chimney-Piece; Inigo Jones, by Pickford.

Two Marble Buftoes upon the Cornice of the Chimney-Piece; one is of the Emperor Caracalla, the other of Marcus Aurelius; both Copies after the Antiques

The Picture over the Chimney is the Madonna in Gloria, standing upon a Globe surrounded with Angels; an Original, by Pietro de Pietri, Scholar of Carlo Maratt: the Colouring is much in the Etyle of that Master's: it was purchased of Agostino Masucci by M. B.

Two large Bird-Pieces, emblematical Representations of King William's Wars; by Hendicooter.

A fine large Landscape of Claude Lorrain; a bright Sun-shine: the Subject of it is Apollo flaying Marsias: bought by the Earl at Rome.

A Storm, its Companion; a noble Picture by Nicolo Pouffin; bought at the Earl of Cholmondley's Sale.

Portrait of the Duke of Aremberg on Horseback; figures as large as Life; a most capital Picture by Vandyke: the back Ground (Troops marching to the Siege of a Town) is very fine. This noble Picture is said to have formerly belonged to the Duke of Bavaria.

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife; purchased for the Earl, of the Marchese Arnaldi at Florence, by Mr. Gavin Hamilton; a most capital Painting by Carlo Cigniani. There is a Print after it by Giacomo Frey.

Four Plafter Cafts of Heads from the Antique, over Doors; Faustina, Pythagoras, Zeno, and Carneades. Above them are four Landscapes by Horizonti.

A magnificent Picr-Glass, the Frame by Whittle; under which stands an exquisite Table of Alabastro Palombaro, bought at Rome by M. B.

#### VESTIBULE to the Statue-Gallery.

## An Octagon of 21 Feet Diameter, and 32 Feet high.

This Veftibule is fitted up with four Library Book-Cafes, in large Niches, that contain a fmall collection of Books, for the use of Company. Above the Doors and Book-Cases are placed fix Antique Marble Bustoes; viz. of Adrian, Julia Mammea, Julia of Titus, Marcus Aurelius, Gallienus, and Geta. The Entablature is of Palladio's Corinthian Order.

#### STATUE-GALLERY,

Including its two large end Niches, is in Length 60 Feet, 21 wide, and 23 in Height.

The Cieling is plain, with only a fingle Cornice under it, which is Palladio's Corinthian, but more enriched. Veined and Statuary Marble Chimney-Piece, and Siena Tablet, from Inigo Jones, executed by Pickford. The Heads of the Niches at each end of the Gallery are decorated with the Lozenge Mosaic, taken from the Temple of the Sun and Moon out of Degodetz, and richly gilt.

Antique

## Antique STATUES and BUSTOES in the Gallery.

Two young Fauns, flanding erect with one Leg across the other, playing on Fishulas; of Parian Marble: their attitudes are the same as that in the Villa Borghese, to which in Character and Workmanship they are very little inferior: one was purchased of Cardinal Alexander Albani, the other of Cavaceppi the Sculptor, (who restored them both) by M. B.

On a Confole near the Window, a fine Buft of the Elder Brutus; Antique, purchafed by M. B. Seneca, its Companion; a Buft in Trevatine Stone, remarkable for the flrong marks of Age in the Face, for its Likenefs to his other Buftoes, and for its fine Prefervation. M. B.

A Statue of Neptune, in Parian Marble, and well preferred. Statues of that Deity are very rare: this was purchased of Carlo Monaldi, (who restored the two Arms and the Trident) by M. B.

A Statue of the God Faunus, in Parian Marble; a very intire and capital Antique Figure: the two Hands, and part of the Lituus which he holds, are the only additions made to it; and they are the Work of Cavaceppi: he is crowned with Pampini. There were two kinds of the Parian Marble used by the Antients; one of a fine, the other of a larger Grain: this is of the latter fort, called by the Romans, Marmo Salino, from its sparkling particles resembling Salt. This Figure was dug up in the Campagua of Rome, and first purchasted by Cardinal Albani, from whom it was bought soon after, in the condition in which it was found, encrusted over with the Tartar of the Earth, by M. B.

A Statue of Meleager, in Parian Marble: the left Arm. Legs, and Boar's Head, were added by Cavaceppi. This seems to be of Roman Sculpture: the Proportions are very suitable to the Character.

A Statue of the Pythian Apollo stands in a Nich over the Chimney, of Greek Workmanship: the Tripod on which he leans is Antique: purchased by the Earl in Italy.

A Head of Cybele, in the open Pediment of the Chimney-Frame, is an excellent one: the Style is Grecian, and intirely Antique.

A Statue of Venus, in thin Drapery, almost intirely Antique: her left Hand, in which she holds a Vase, is the only part that is Modern. This Statue, and its Companion the Meleager, were bought of Belisario Amedei, the Merchant, in Piazza Navona. It was restored by Cavaceppi. M. B.

In a larger Nich contiguous, that makes a centre between the Chimney-Piece and that end of the Gallery, ftands the celebrated Figure of Diana, purchased and sent out of Rome by the Earl of Leicester; for which Offence his Lordship (known at that time by the Name of the Cavalier Coke) was put under Arrest, but released soon after at the Instances of the Grand Duke of Tuscany. This Statue, one of the most excellent amongst the Drapery Figures of the Antients, and perhaps the most beautiful representation of that Goddes any where to be met with, is, for the conveniency of removing it, composed of two pieces of Parian Marble: the upper piece is sitted to the lower, under the folds of her Garment, above the Cincture, which effectually conceals the Joint: her right Arm is raised, and the Hand bent backward, in the Attitude of reaching an Arrow from her Quiver, which hangs on the same Shoulder; while the other Hand holds the Bow: the lest Foot advances, and the right falls gracefully back, to preserve the Equilibrium of the \* Figure: by this movement the Limbs are gently contrasted. The Cavalier Camillo Rusconi, an eminent Sculptor of great Merit, whose Fame is well known in Italy, added the Head and some of the Fingers, which are the only parts of it that are Modern.

The next is a genteel young Figure of a Bacchus, bought by M. B. of Cavaceppi, who reftored the right Hand and left Arm: all the reft is intirely Antique, and in good Prefervation.

Metredorus, the Philosopher and Scholar of Epicurus, upon a Console near the Angle: this is a rare Busto, and distinguishable as well for its fine Sculpture, as for its extraordinary Beauty of Prefervation, M. B.

Within

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Spence, in his Polymetis, makes it appear, by a paffage which he quotes from Cicero, that this Statue of Diana was formerly in the poticifion of that admirable Roman Orator and Statefman.

Within the smaller Niches of the semi-circular Recess at the upper end of the Gallery, are placed the Statues of Minerva and Ceres, of a lesser size; both of excellent Workmanship: the Head, Breast-Plate, and Toga of the Minerva, are perfect; so is likewise the Head of the Ceres, crowned with Wheat Ears and Poppies; and also the Upper Part of the Cornucopia, one of the charasteristic Marks of that Deity. These, obtained of Cardinal Albani by M. Br. were restored by Cavaceppi.

The Buft of Cornelius Sylla, the famous Dictator, is the laft in the Gallery, faid to be the only one of him any where remaining. For the Age in which he flourished, the Style of the Sculpture is very excellent; and though the Bufto Part has been fractured in many Places, it is plain the Pieces are all its own. It was purchased by M. B.

Under the Window Piers of the Gallery, are two very beautiful Tables of Alabastro Peccorella, bought of Cavaceppi by M. B.

#### STATUES and BUSTS in the Tribune of the Gallery.

Turning to the left Hand, the first that presents itself, is a large Statue of Lucius Verus, in a Consular Habit, which is very intire, and also a good Likeness of that Emperor, so well known by his Medals. This antique Statue was purchased at Rome, for the Earl, by Mr. Kent.

The Statue of Juno is next to it, of a Size nearly Coloffal: the Head, Torfo, and Legs, are Antique, and in a very high Style of Sculpture: her Drapery, which is held up by her Arm, and disposed in large flowing Folds, not commonly to be met within the Antique, adds much to the Majesty of the Goddes. The late Mr. Roubiliac, who was at Holkham in the time of the Earl, preferred this Statue to any in the Gallery. It was a Fragment belonging to Cardinal Albani, restored by Cavaceppi, and purchased by M. B.

Agrippina, the Wife of Germanicus, an Imperial Figure in the Character of Ceres. She has the Diadem on her Head, which is Antique; so is the whole Figure, except the Arms and Hands, and some sew Plaits of her Drapery, restored by Cavaceppi. In Rome there are many Imperial Statues of a large Size, such as the Sabine Matrons in the Loggia of the Villa Medici, the Livia Mattei, and others, but none superior to this in Excellency of Sculpture. It was bought for the Earl, as a Companion to the Juno, by M. B. of Belesario Amedei, who procured it from the Villa Ginetti, at Veletri, in the Roman Territory.

The fourth and last Statue in the Tribune, is an admirable one of Lucius Antonius the Orator, and Brother of Marc Antony; a very capital Antique Figure bought at Rome by the Earl of Leicester: the Arms and Head are finely added by the celebrated Cavalier Bernini.

Over the Doors are two Antique Bustos, one of the elder Empress Faustina; the other, of the Emperor Philip; purchased by M. B.

The whole Length of the Gallery, including its Vestibule and Tribune, is 105 feet.

#### GREAT DINING-ROOM.

A Square of 27 Feet, exclusive of its Side-Board Nich, which is 9 Feet by xo in the Clear of the Opening.

The Cicling of this magnificent Room was for the most part taken from Inigo Jones; its Dome 14 Feet Diameter, and 8 Feet perpendicular Height.

Two-Chimney Pieces of a fimilar Defigu, diverified in the Devices of their Tablets, are placed on opposite Sides of the Room: these are composed of Sicilian Jasper Trusses and Statuary Marble mixed, executed by Mr. Carter, who also did the Foliage Scrolls in the open Pilasters of the Arch-Way leading to the Side-Board, carved in Lime-Tree Wood: the Side-Board Table, Frame, and Legs (Fragments of an antient Sarcophagus), enriched with gilt Metal Ornaments, are of Porphyry; and the Table Slab, of real Egyptian Green Marble, in which the Assessor is faid to be produced. Beneath

it flands a large Bason of Mount-Edgeumbe Red Granite: the Block was a Present from Lord Edgeumbe.

On the Side of the Room to the great Nich, are two Antique Heads fet upon Modern Buftoes of African coloured Marble, and placed on Confoles: one is of Geta, the other of Marcus Aurelius.

Two large Antique Heads (probably of Statues) in Elliptical Niches above the Chimney-Pieces. That of the Juno, for Character, Workmanship, and Preservation, is very capital: its Companion, Lucius Verus, was found in cleaning the Port of Nettuno. They were purchased by M. B.

The Mosaics in the Head of the Side-Board Nich, ornamented with Roses, and richly gilt in Leaf-Gold, were copied from Degodetz.

#### STATE BED-CHAMBER APARTMENT.

The first Room, reckoning from the Saloon, is the State Anti-Chamber, which in its Dimensions is nearly similar to the Drawing-Room already described: the Cicling of it is one of Inigo Jones's Designs, ornamented in the Sossits of the Beams with Vine-Branches, Leaves, and Bunches of Grapes. The Hangings are Crimson slowered Genoa Velvet.

Between the Doors, on the Side towards the Saloon, is a large capital Picture representing the Flight of the Virgin and St. Joseph into Egypt, by Rubens. The Figures are as big as the Life. The Head of the St. Joseph is equal to any thing of that Master: the Figure of the Young Christ; the Drapery of the Virgin, which is red; and the picturefque Head of the As (that makes a part of the centre Group) are all painted with admirable Force, and Brilliancy of Colouring. There is one at Elenheim, in every respect like this, excepting that the Colour of the Virgin's Drapery is Blue instead of Red, by the same Master.

A naked Venus, and a Man playing on a Guitar: she has a Flute in her Hand; a Violin stands by her; Cupid is crowning her with Flowers. This Picture was bought out of Prince Pio's Collection at Rome, and is said to be by Titian.

A Landscape underneath; the Composition noble; a Storm; with Gleams of Lightning striking upon a Tower; by Nicolo Poussin.

Over the Chimney there is a well-composed Picture of the Reconciliation between Jacob and Esau, from the Barberini Collection, by Pietro Cortona. M. B.

Lot and his two Daughters, finall Life: this is a Sketch of Dominichino's Painting: the Appearance of Inebriety in the Countenance, and of Age in the Limbs and Body of the Lot, are finely delineated. There is a Print after it, by Giacomo Frey.

Under the foregoing is a Landscape, Companion to the Storm; Figures reposing on a Bank; by Nicolo Poussin.

Joseph and his Mistress; the Figures as large as Life: this is in Guido's first Manner, when he imitated the Colouring of his Fellow Student Guercino: the Folds of the Drapery, which are remarkable for their fine Taste; the Attitudes of the Figures, and the Airs of the Heads, nevertheless are conceived in his own inimitable Gusto. This Picture was held in great Estimation, when it made part of the Costaguti Collection, from whence it was purchased for the Earl, by Mr. Gavin Hamilton.

Over the four Doors are the Portraits of Sir Lionel Talmaríh, and of the Poet Waller, by Sir Peter Lely; of a Pope, by Pomeranico; and of a Venetian Lady, by Titian.

The Chimney-Piece is an Idea of Inigo Jones's: on its Cornice are placed two Marble Buftoes; one is of the Veftal Virgin; the other, of the younger Empress Faustina; both copied from the Antique.

#### STATE DRESSING-ROOM.

A Cube of 21 Feet.

The Chimney-Piece and Cicling are both of Inigo Jones: The Hangings are Crimfon Genoa Damask.

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This Room, which is magnificently lighted by one of the large Venetian Windows in the South Front, contains a Collection of choice Landscapes, by the greatest Masters; particularly of Claude Lorrain's, who was the favorite Painter of the Earl of Leicester.

The first over the Chimney is an upright one of this Master; three Female Figures, seemingly on the Terras of a Garden, senced in with a Balustrade, from whence the View was probably taken: a Group of large Italian Pines forms the principal Mass on the fore Part of the Picture; the distant Country is the Campagna of Rome, terminated by Mount Soracle, and the Sabine Hills.

Above it hangs a fmall Historical Picture, and the only one in the Room that is so, of St. John the Baptist preaching; by Luca Giordano.

On each Side of it is a Landscape, by Horizonte.

Below them, over the Side Doors, are two well-preserved ones, by Gaspar Poussin.

The famous Landscape of Dominichino, formerly in the Barberini Palace, is over the Door next the Anti-Room. The Story of this Piece is Abraham preparing to facrifice his Son Ifaac: a Servant loads the Afs, whilft the Patriarch is represented laying a Faggot of Sticks on the Neck of the intended Victim: a Picturesque Mass of Marble Rocks, crowned with Shrubs growing out of the Cless, form a back Ground to the principal Figures; and the Distance is closed with an Italian Blue Mountain. The fine Design of the Figures, and the beautiful Style of the Landscape (that was taken from the Banks of the Tiber, near Ponte Molle); the extreme Rarity of Dominichimo's Works in this kind, who, with Guercino and some others of the Carracci's School, derived an excellent Gusto of Landscape from their Master Annibal; are Charms to the Adepts in Painting, that have sendered this Picture one of the most celebrated of the Master. It was bought by M.B.

Over it is a fine Salvator Rofa,

The Pendents that hang on each Side the Salvator Rofa, by Lucatelli, are much superior to the Horizontes in the same Room.

On the Window Side of the Dominichino is a very fine Landscape of Francesco Bologrese: the Subject is St. John baptizing our Saviour.

Its Companion is a capital Landscape of Gaspar Poussin. This Composition is distinguished by a Group of Ruins, raised on an Eminence near the Centre of the Picture. In the lower Tier are two Pendents by the same Master, one on each Side the Door: they are beautifully composed, and in admirable Preservation.

On the other Side of the Room, next the Corridor, the first over the Door is a bright agreeable Landscape, Figures and Cattle, by Claude Lorrain.

Above it is a larger one by Claude: the Story, out of Taffo, is Ermenia in Difcourfe with the old Man and his two Sons; the is leading her White Palfrey.

The Pendents in the fame Tier, one a Sea-Piece, the other a Landscape, distinguished by their bright Tone of Colouring, are the Productions of Mons. Vernet's Pencil. They were bought of Signor Amerani, the Pope's Medalist, by M. B.

The Pair of Landscapes below the Vernèts, purchased by the Earl, of Mrs. Edwin, are both by the Hand of Claude Lorrain: That which represents the Sun rising behind a Cloud, reflected in a large Extent of Sea, is particularly sine: the stupendous pierced Rock, through which is seen a continued Chain of Caverns stretching along the Sea Shore, gives the Composition a romantic Air; which Idea is heightened by the Grey Colouring of the Morn, tinging all its Objects: the Winged Horse; the Nymphs frighted at the Head, supposed to be of Medusa; the Scene by the Sea Side, added to the Information of the Cupids, all point out the principal Figure to be Perseus entering upon his Expedition for the Deliverance of Andromeda.

Its Companion is a fetting Sun; in which Representation Claude is allowed to have excelled all other Painters: the Mass of glowing Rocks, the Sibyls' Temple, and the Cascade under the Arch-Way, that constitute the principal Group in the Picture, show those parts of the Gomposition to have

been taken from Tivoli, the favorite Spot of all the Italian Paclifti: the Diffance is a View of the Campagna, taken from the Banks of the Tiber; and the Subject on the Fore Ground, that of 10 converted by Jupiter into a White Cow: Argus, the Agent of the jealous Juno, is very properly planted on a Rock, to watch the Metamorphofis.

The Pendents below the above-deferibed Pictures by Claude, are both by the same Master: Apollo, in his exiled State, attending the Cattle of Admetus: he is finging, and playing on a Violin; an Anachronism that Claude seemed to have been aware of, by his placing the Lyre on the Ground near the Deity: whilft Apollo amuses himself with his own Harmony, Mercury is represented driving off part of the Herd, over a Bridge grouped in with a large Mass of Buildings, which are placed near the Centre of the Picture, and have much the Air of a walled Town. Such picturefque Villages, built on the Summits of Rocks, are very common in Italy; from one of which Claude took the Idea, though with an improved and more beautiful Grouping. A Clump of dark-green Ilexes, mixed with the yellow Foliage of Autumn, forms the principal Group of Trees on the Fore Ground, which is opposed to a Cluster of Italian Pines on the other Side; and his favorite Mount Soracte comes in beyond the River, to terminate the Diffance.

Its Companion is a Sea View, not much unlike the Bay of Naples seen from the Port: upon the Fore Ground is a Figure fitting, probably Claude himfelf, in the Attitude of drawing from the Ruins of an antient Portico: beyond a Veffel shored up, as if for the purpose of careening, are discovered the large Remains of an Amphitheatre; and a Group of yellow and dark leaved Trees judiciously detaches these different Masses of Buildings: the rest of the Picture consists of an open Sea Prospect, bounded with diftant Islands. These two beautiful Pictures of Claude, that have hitherto escaped the Injuries of Time with unfaded Luftre, hung in Cardinal Alexander Albani's Bed-Chamber, and were purchased of his Eminence, in the Year 1750, by M. B.

## STATE BED-CHAMBER, 20 by 30, and 17 Feet high.

Tapestry Hangings; Europe, Africa, and America: these three principal Pieces are said to have been formerly in the possession of a Duke of Bavaria; the Manusacturing is of Flanders: Asia is represented by a Turkish Procession of Pilgrims to Mecca, done from Paintings of Zucarelli, by the late Mr. Paul Eaunders, as were likewise the two smaller Pieces (Sleep and Vigilance) on the Sides of the Bed.

The four Seasons over the Doors are also of Zucarelli's Painting.

A flowered Genoa Velvet Bed, of three Colours, adorned with Earl's Coronets and Pine Apples. Over the Chimney is a well-defigned Picture of Jupiter carefling Juno; the Subject from Homer; by Mr. Gavin Hamilton.

The Chimney-Piece, Statuary Marble Thermes, with Heads of the younger Empress Faustina, upon a Ground of Siena, executed by the late Mr. Carter.

On its Cornice stands an antique Medallion of Julius Cæsar, in Bas Relief, bought at the Sale of Dr. Mead's Antiquities, by M. B.

## STATE BED-CHAMBER CLOSET,

Is hung with Green Sattin: the small Chimney-Piece of this Room is composed of Antique Pavonazzo, Derbyshire Black Marble, and White Alabaster. There are some choice Pictures in this Cabinet

Polyphemus and Galatea, painted in Fresco upon an antique Tile, less than two Feet square: it has a Glass before it: Polyphemus is represented sitting on a Rock by the Sea Side, in an Attitude as if founding his Sampogna; the Music of which he sufpends, to behold his beloved Galatea, who passes by him, attended by Nereids, in a Shell drawn by Dolphins: her Veil streaming to the Wind, forms over her Head a Bow in the Air, that gracefully fills up a void in the Composition. This admirable Picture of Annibal Carracci, who exceeded all other Painters in that kind of Imagery, where Herculean Proportion, united with mufcular Strength, form-with propriety the Character, was purchafed out of the Barberini Collection, (of which it made one of its most celebrated Ornaments) by M. B.

Above it is a very fine Piece of Macaws and Parrots, by Rubens and Snyders.

Two Flower-Pieces over Doors; the Flowers by M. Angelo degli Fiori; the Boys, which are defigned and painted with great Delicacy of Pencil, by Fillipo Lauri.

A fmall Holy Family, in an Oval, by Albano.

Two Altar-Pieces, by Sebastian Conca.

Between the Concas, the Portrait of a Woman holding the Lappet of her Veil, ftrongly expressive of Leonardo da Vinci's Manner, from the Barberini Palace, was bought by M. B.

A fmall Portrait, in Water Colours, of Lord Chief Juftice Coke, the great Ancestor of the Earl's Family, at the Age of twenty-fix, by Cornelius Jansens.

Four Landscapes, in Water Colours, by Goupy, viz.

A Copy of his Majesty's fine Claude Lorrain.

Ditto of a Landscape from N. Poussin; our Saviour at the Lake of Genazereth.

Ditto of a Landscape from Rubens.

Ditto from N. Pouffin, with the Story of Pyramus and Thisbe.

A View of Vignola's Palace at Caprarola, by G. Occhiali.

A View of Rome from the Banks of the Tiber, by Ditto.

The Marriage of Pfyche, and the Banquet of the Gods; two small Paintings, in Water Colours, from Raphael, by Ignatius.

Continence of Scipio, from Pietro Cortona.

Two Landscapes, in Water Colours, by Fillipo Lauri.

Drawing of a Saint bestowing the Benediction, in Bister and White, by Carlo Maratt.

Bringing the Sick to a Saint preaching; a Drawing by Andrea Mantegna.

Sketch of the Salutation, in Red Chalk, by C. Maratt.

Two Landscapes of Claude Lorrain, in Bifter.

A Water-Fall, by G. Pouffin.

Nativity of the Virgin, in Bifter, by Di Roffo.

A Battle-Piece, in Bifter, by Borgognone.

Nativity of the Virgin, in Bifter, by Federico Barocci.

Landscape of Salvator Rosa, in Bifter.

Sketch of two Figures, in Chiaro Ofcuro, by P. Caravagio.

Sketch for an Altar-Piece, by Ciro Ferri.

A naked Woman, by Giuseppe d'Arpino.

#### CLOSET to STATE BED-CHAMBER.

The Hangings are Purple Silk: the Chimney-Piece is composed of an antique Marble, called Sette Basi, Italian Red, and Derbyshire White Alabaster, by Pickford.

The principal Ornament of this Cabinet is the Madonna and Young Chrift, over the Side Door; an undoubted Original of Raphael D'Urbino: the Virgin is a three-quarter Figure, nearly the Size of Life: the Child Jefus, fitting on her Knees, regards his holy Mother with a Look of ineffable Sweetnefs, mixed with Rapture; for which Expredions Raphael, above all other great Mafters, merited the Appellation, so often given him by the Italian Writers, of Il Divino; fince he only could express (joined to Gracefulnes and Dignity of Character) those exalted Affections of the Mind. This Picture, which is painted upon Board, was brought into England by the Cavalier Casali, of whom the Earl obtained it. From the Tincts of the Chiaro Oscuro, it is evident that Raphael painted it at the time when

he imitated Leonardo da Vinci, and the Florentine Manner; but the Airs and Ideas of the Meads, particularly those of the Christ, are much superior to any ever imagined by that School. The Robe of the Virgin is striped, like that of the Madonna della Seggia in the Palazzo Pitti.

A large Landscape, in the Manner of Francesco Bolognese, by Bartolomeo, who was his Scholar.

Over the Doors of the Suite are two Perspective Views; one, of the Doge's Palace, the Procuratia

Nuova, the Mint, the Jesuits College, and the Church of the Salute, by Gasparo Occhiali.

The other, over against it, is the famous one of the Bridge and Castle of St. Angelo, the Front of St. Peter's Church, and part of the Vatican Palace; the most magnificent Group of Buildings in all Italy. G. Occhiali.

Cincinnatus at the Plough. The Roman Deputies are delivering to him the Orders of the Senate: he has a Spade in his Hand, shaped like one of those now used about Rome: a Damsel stands by his Side, ready to invest him with the Dicatorial Robe, which she holds extended: the Scene is laid in a Meadow near the Banks of the Tiber, where the Event happened; and the back Ground is closed with a View of the Modern Buildings, upon the Capitol Hill. By Luigi Garzi.

A Front View of St. Peter's Church, its Obelisk, Fountain, circular Colonnades, and of the Vatican Palace; by Occhiali.

A View of the Coloffeum, and Arch of Conftantine, by G. Occhiali. In the lower Tier of Pictures, is a Profpect of the Canal at Milan, by the fame Hand. The Juftness of Occhiali's Perspective Views, and the fine Glow of his Flemish Colouring, are Excellencies perhaps not to be met with in the Works of any other Painter.

Judith with the Head of Holofernes: she is delivering it to a Woman her attendant: the Scene on the back Ground is the Enemy's Camp; Soldiers sleeping, &c. by Carlo Maratt. Bellori, in his Life of this great Painter, has given an Account of it.

A View of the Bridge called the Rialto, at Venice, by Canaletti.

Palace Cornaro, on the Grand Canal, by Ditto.

In the Centre of the lower Tier, opposite the Chimney, is a Portrait of Rubens' Daughter, by Rubens.

#### NORTH STATE BED-CHAMBER.

The Figure of this Room is a Cube of 21 Feet Diameter, hung with Tapeftry excellent both for Defign and Workmanship: its several Picces exhibit the various Productions of the Months, caused by the Sun's annual Progress through the Signs of the Zodiac: Pisces is represented under the Form of a winged Genius, bearing two admirable Pike; below his Feet are Fishermen's Nets, Boys sporting with a large Cod Fish; and above are Festoons, composed of all the variety of Fish that are to be found in these Northern Regions: a Boy is saftening a huge Sturgeon to the Capital of a Column, &cc. &cc. The dead Game, Fruits, Flowers, and Animals, were probably copied from Paintings of Snyders.

By the Window Side is a curious antique Mosaic Table-Slab, bought from the Villa Adriana, near Tivoli. M. B.

The Chimney-Piece, Fior di Perfica, an antique Marble. The Ornaments within the funk Pilafters (Inftruments of the Roman Sacrifice) were copied from a very fine antient Fragment of the fame Size, in the Garden of the Villa Medici, by the late Mr. Thomas Carter: on its Tablet is reprefented the Birth of the Poet Lucan, out of Montfaucon.

Over the Chimney is a Picture of a Mufician playing on a Violoncello; a dark, but most excellent Performance of Mola's,

Under it are two small Paintings of Fowls and Fish, by Duprèt.

Above the Dreffing-Room Door is a whole-length Portrait of the Earl of Leicester, in the Robes of the Order of the Bath: this was never reckoned a like one, and is ill designed: by Richardson.

DRESSING-

#### DRESSING-ROOM to Ditto,

Is 27 by 17, and 20 Feet high; the Cicling from Inigo Jones; Hangings of Blue Genoa Damask.

Above the Door opening into the Hall, is a Whole-length of Mrs. Newton, the Earl's Grandmother.

Numa Pompilius giving Laws to Rome; a large Historical Composition, painted for the Earl of Leicester, by Procaccini. The Figure of Rome is kneeling: a young Senator, on the right of the venerable Lawgiver, is drawn for the Earl himfelf: a Vestal Virgin, pouring Oil upon the holy Fire, alludes to that famous Institution; and the several Orders of Priests, the Salii, and the Martii, form different Groups that fill up the Picture: below the Figure of the River Tiber, Romulus and Remus are introduced fucking the Wolf.

A Cupid: he is holding the Point of an Arrow to the Bill of a Dove hovering above his Head: another Cupid is seen flying in the Distance, over the Elements of Earth and Water; perhaps denoting the universal Power given by the Poets to that Deity. Guido Reni.

The Companion is a fine Head of an Evangelist holding a Book; also by Guido Reni.

The Adoration of the Magi; a large Composition, which makes the centre Picture on that Side the Room; painted by the Cavalier Calabrefe, a Neapolitan: from the Barberini Palace; purchased by M. B. This Painter, who was what the Italians style a Machinista (or Grand Composer) excelled also in the Knowledge of the Chiaro Ofcuro.

The Virgin Mary reading; by Carlo Maratt.

Two Portraits; an old Man's, and a young Girl's, looking through a magnifying Glass, which she holds in her Hand: this is an allegorical Representation of Youth and Old Age, by Lanfranco.

Mary Magdalen doing Penance in the Defert; a graceful fmall whole-length Figure, highly finished; the Air of the Head very devout: three Cherubins group with the Crown of Glory, to which her Eyes are directed: her Drapery, in the Style of an antique Statue, is exquifitely defigned and well coloured. It is faid to be of Parmegiano.

Mary Magdalen anointing the Feet of Christ: the bearded Figure in black, looks like the Portrait of Titian. Paul Veronese, the Painter of this Piece, is fitting between his Greyhounds, which he frequently introduced into his Pictures: he is discoursing with a Man in a red Garment: two Beggars are fitting on the Floor under the Portico: a Man, with his Back turned to the Spectator, feems, with a lifted-up Stick, to drive out fome that are entering: a droll Face, in a Pink-coloured Head-Drefs, appears over his Shoulder: Figures in Jewish Habits are viewing the Ceremony from the Balcony of the Portico. Purchased from the Barberini Collection, by M. B.

Apollo and Daphne, grouped with the River Peneus; a beautiful young Figure of the God: she is rooted to the Earth, and Laurel Leaves are feen sprouting from her Fingers. By Carlo Maratt,

Christ fallen under the Cross; the Virgin Mother weeping; and Santa Veronica presenting the holy Handkerchief. This is a very bright Picture, painted with great Force and Brilliancy of Colouring; one of the best of the Master. Giacomo Bassano.

The Virgin, young Christ, St. John, and St. Joseph; an old Copy after Raphael, from the Barberini Palace. The Original is in the Duke of Tuscany's Collection.

A fine Piece of Fruit and Flowers, a Fountain, and a Macaw; by Hondicooter.

The Deluge; by Carlandrucci, a Disciple of Carlo Maratt.

A Landscape: three Fishermen on the fore Ground; one is lighting a Fire: painted in a masterly Style, by Annibal Carracci.

To the right of the Chimney, is a beautiful small Landscape and Figures; a Repose, by Claude Lorrain, in fine Preservation; purchased by the Earl, in Rome.

St. George, Santa Saba, and the Dragon; painted for a Companion to the foregoing, by Studio.

Full-length of Lady Leicester, and her Son Lord Coke; by Richardson.

At the Bottom of the Room, on a Pedestal, is placed an exquisite small antique Drapery Figure of an Isis, with a Cornucopia; restored by Cavaceppi: the Marble of which, supposed to be the Parian, is remarkably transparent. It was purchased at Rome by M. B.

#### CHAPEL, 63 Feet by 18, and 27 high.

The principal Picture at the Altar is the Assumption of the Virgin; a masterly Performance by the admirable Guido Reni.

On the Side Pannels are two whole-length Figures, Santa Cecilia and St. Anne; both painted by Cipriani.

Above, in the Attic Part of the Chapel, are three large Pictures: the middle one, Abraham, Hagar, and Ismael, is by Andrea Sacchi, from the Barberini Collection.

That towards the Window is the Angel appearing to Joseph in a Dream; a capital Painting, by Lanfranco.

The third is Rebecca at the Well: the Servant of Jacob is prefenting her with Bracelets: which is painted by Benedetto Luti.

In the Family Seat, over a neat small Chimney-Piece, composed of Staffordshire Alabaster and coloured Marbles, is a very fine Picture of St. Mary Magdalen and an Angel, by Carlo Maratt.

The Screen to the Scat towards the Chapel is of Cedar Wood, inlaid with Ornaments carved in Lime Tree: the Basement Part of the Chapel is encrusted with Staffordshire Alabaster; and the Columns are also of the same Material.

#### FAMILY WING.

ANTI-ROOM, 18 Feet square by 16, which is the Height of this Floor: Cieling by Mr. Kent.

On the Chimney-Piece, of Purple and White Carrara Marble, by the same Master, stands the Egyptian God Canopus, in Oriental antique Alabaster.

Two Heads in Marble, one of Alexander, the other of Homer; copied from those in the Capitol and Farnese Gallery.

A Plaster Cast of the Cupid and Psyche in the Florentine Gallery.

Above the Chimney is a Portrait of John Coke, Efq.

Over the Door, a Head unknown.

Next to the Dreffing-Room, a Whole-length of the Duches of Richmond, by Kneller.

Over the Drefling-Room Door is a Head of Lady Anne Tufton, Countels of Salifbury.

A Whole-length of Lady Anne Walpole, by Kneller.

A Whole-length of Lady Dover, by Ditto.

The Oval over the Door is a Portrait of Mrs. Coke, Mother to the Earl of Leicester.

A Whole-length of Mrs. Henningham, by Kneller.

## DRESSING-ROOM, 24 by 18.

Dove Marble Chimney-Piece and Cieling, by Mr. Kent.

A Whole-length of Edward Coke, Efq. Father of the Earl of Leicester; by Kneller.

Mrs. Cary Newton, Mother to the Earl of Leicester; a Whole-length, by Ditto.

The Oval over the Door, a Portrait of Lord Clifford.

Above is a Head of Mr. Henningham.

Underneath, Lady Mary Henningham, his Wife.

Below, Dorothy Walpole, Lady Townsend; by Jarvis.

The three-quarter Picture over the Chimney, is Catharine Tufton, Lady Sondes; by Dahl.

Anne

Anne Tufton, Countefs of Salifbury; by Jarvis.

Ifead of Richard Coke, Efq.

Lady Coke, Wife of Sir Robert Coke.

Below, in the under Tier, is the Duches of Richmond.

Two Whole-lengths, the Duke of Leeds, and Lady Caernarvon; by Kneller.

Over the Library-Door, the Countefs of Leicefter.

Mrs. Price, by Sir Peter Lely.

#### LIBRARY, 54 Feet by 18.

The Cicling, and Pilaster Chimney-Piece, of Siena Marble, are both Designs of Mr. Kent.

Over the Chimney is a good Copy of a Sea-Piece, by Griffier, from Claude Lorrain.

This Library is elegantly and completely fitted up with light open Book-Cafes, that contain a large number of choice Printed Books, fome Manuscripts, and Books of Prints; in the Dado Part there are Shelves for Port Folios, &c.

The Drawings in this Library are many of them capital, particularly those bound up in a small Folio Volume, consisting of Freezes, Cornices, Capitals, and Bases, designed by Raphael, from the antient Roman Temples. Baron Stosch, the late Hanoverian Resident at Florence, had in his possession the Elevations and Plans belonging to this Book of Designs; done by the same great Hand. Besides the above-mentioned, there are five large Port Folios of Drawings, by Raphael, Jul'o Romano, Francesco Penni, Polidoro, the Carraccis, Guido, Dominichino, Guercino, Titian, the Venetian School, and of Carlo Maratt and his Scholars.

Also a Collection of Cielings, Pavements, Vases, and Urns, designed and coloured from the Antique, by Santo Bartoli.

#### LADY LEICESTER'S DRESSING-ROOM, 18 by 24.

The Statuary Marble Chimney-Piece, Cieling, Soffas, Chairs, Table Frames, and two Pier Glaffes, were all executed from Defigns of Mr. Kent.

Over the Chimney are the Countess of Leicester's two Sisters, Lady Catharine and Anne Tuftons: the Back Ground is touched by Zucarelli.

Madonna and St. Francis, by Cavedone.

Its Companion, an Altar-Piece, by Solimene.

Two Landscapes over the Side-Doors, by Lucatelli, interspersed with Ruins and Figures.

Head of Christ, by Federico Barocci.

Its Companion, a fine Head of the Virgin Mary, by C. Maratt.

A large Picture of Lucretia: fhe is stabbing herself with a Dagger, in the presence of Lucretius her Father, her Husband Collatinus, and their Friends; as related by Livy. Painted by Luca Giordano.

Over the Door leading into the Bed-Chamber is a Moon-light Piece, by Vanderneer.

Two Pieces of Poppies and Thiftles, by a Flemish Master.

Over the Door towards the Library, a Storm at Sea, a Ship feen in Diffress: the Castle on the Rock is taken from the Ruins of Metella's Tomb, upon the Via Appia near Rome. This Picture, and the four small ones in the lower Tier, were all painted by that excellent and rare Flemish Master, Livio Meus. He was first a Designer of small Figures with the Pen, in the Manner of Callot; but going to Florence, and applying to Painting by the Advice of his Friend, Stefano della Bella, who took him to Rome, he became famous for Landscape,

#### BED-CHAMBER, 18 Feet square.

Chimney-Piece, black and yellow Italian Marble, Mask and Drapery of Statuary, from Inigo Jones. The Cieling by Mr. Kent.

In a handfome gilt Frame over the Chimney, (defigned by Mr. Kent) is a View of the Palace and Place of St. Mark, at Venice, by Canaletti. The Preparation for the Doge's wedding the Sea upon Afcenfion-Day, is exhibited on the Fore Part of the Canvas; where are affembled a prodigious Number of Gondolas and Gondoliers, disposed in a variety of Attitudes; together with the grand gilded Vessel called the Bucentauro, in which the Doge performs the Ceremony; set off with that Guiety of Colouring, for which the Venetian Painters have been ever remarkable.

Above it is a beautiful Head, in an Oval, of an Italian Girl, known by the Name of the Maid of the Inn; painted in Crayons, by Rofalba.

Two fine Pieces of Fowls over the Doors, by Imperiali.

This Room is hung with Tapeftry, executed by Vanderbank, from Defigns of Albano, excepting the two Door-Pieces, (Venus, Vulcan, and Cupids) which Additions were manufactured by the late Mr. Bradlhaw.

#### LADY LEICESTER'S CLOSET,

Hung with Green; Chimney-Piece from Inigo Jones, and Cieling by Mr. Kent.

Over the Chimney is a large coloured Drawing of St. Ignatius's Chapel, within the great Church of the Gefu, done by Francesco Bartoli i Figures of the Earl, and of his Governor, Dr. Hobart, are introduced viewing the Altar-Piece, which is by far the most superb of any in Rome.

Two Papal Crowns, and a Mitre; a coloured Drawing by the fame Hand,

Four circular Drawings in red Chalk, from Dominichino's Paintings in the Church of St. Sylvester, upon Monte Cavallo; by Giacomo Frey.

A Portrait of Lord Coke, in Crayons, by Rofalba.

Two Girls Heads, faid to be Benedetto Luti's Daughters, drawn in black and white Chalk, by himfelf. Beneath them are two Views, in Water Colours, by G. Occhiali.

A fmall Affumption of the Madonna, painted on Agate, by Rotenhamer,

Two Drawings, framed and glazed, with many Figures after Titian, by Mr. Kent.

Two Drawings of Views in Circles, by Occhiali.

An Oblong Sea-View, by Ditto.

Two young Heads, in red and white Chalk, by Mr. Kent.

Two Drawings in Water Colours; one, the Death of Cleopatra, copied by Mr. Kent; the other, of Augustus and Cleopatra, by Ignatius; after Pietro Cortona.

Two Views of Roman Buildings, Trinita di Monte, and the Palace Salviati.

Over the Book-Cafes are two fmall Portraits, in Oil Colours, of Lord Leicester's Father and Mother.

Above the Altar-Piece is a small Painting of a Cupid, drawn in a Carr; by Guido Reni.

A Miniature Head of St. John, upon Copper.

Cardinal Gualtera, a Ditto, upon Copper.

Two Miniatures, a Head of Christ, and a Diana's, by Ignatius.

Miniatures in a Rosc-Wood Case, painted in Enamel.

Earl of Leicester, Lord Coke, Henry Coke, his Son,

A Madonna, a Leda.

Portraits of the Duke of Leeds,

Earl of Leicester, by Rosalba,

Princels Borghele, in the Habit of a Vestal, by Ignatius,

Lady

Lady Lanfdown, Mrs. Rouse, Mr. Henningham, of a Lady unknown, Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, two Men's Heads unknown.

#### STRANGERS WING.

In the Corridor leading to it from the Statue-Gallery, is a fine antique Bufto of the Emperor Saloninus, placed over a Book-Cafe.

A Plaster Cast of the little Apollo in the Villa Medici.

A Ditto of the Camillus in the Capitol.

A Ditto of the Venus di Medici.

A Ditto of the Muse Urania, from an antique Statue in the possession of Mr. Lloyd at Beaconsfield,

#### ANTI-ROOM.

A veined Marble Chimney-Piece, the Tablet and Pateras of black Marble, by Pickford.

Over the Chimney-Piece is a Whole-length Portrait of Lord Coke.

Over Doors, Lord Leicester's Father; a Child playing with a Dog.

Its Companion, the same when a Lad.

Facing the Entrance, Richard Coke, and his Wife Mary Roufe.

On the Window Side is a Whole-length of Robert Coke.

Lady Anne Coke, and her Son; Whole-lengths, by Sir Godfrey Kneller.

On the Corridor Side are two Whole-lengths, the Earl and Counters of Leicester; by Cavalier Cafali,

Two Door-Pieces; one, of the Earl of Leicester; the other, of his Brother Edward; when Children.

An antique Busto of a Roma, on a Therme Pedestal.

#### DRESSING-ROOM.

Yellow and Red Flowered Hangings.

A veined and Statuary Marble Chimney-Piece, with a Tablet of Red Porphyry, by Pickford.

The Cieling is from Inigo Jones, and the Enrichment of its Soffit from Degodetz.

Above the Chimney is a Whole-length fitting Figure of the Earl of Leicester; painted at Rome, by Trevisani.

Two Pictures over Side Doors, Half-lengths, of Colonel Walpole, and Lady Mary Henningham.

Lord Chief Justice Coke, and his first Wife, Mrs. Paston; two Whole-lengths, by Cavalier Casali, Over a Door, Archbishop Laud.

Over the Centre Door, Sir Thomas More.

Henry Coke of Torrington, fifth Son of Lord Chief Justice Coke, and Margaret Lovelace, his Wife, painted by C. Casali.

#### BED-CHAMBER.

This Room is hung with Tapeftry, from Defigns of Watteau; the Cicling after the Manner of Inigo Jones.

Over the Chimney-Piece, which is composed of Plymouth and Statuary Marbles, is a Whole-length Portrait of the first Duke of Richmond, by Vandyke.

Upon the Chimney Cornice, a fmall antique Head: the Busto part is modern.

#### DRESSING-ROOM.

Crimfon Silk Damask Hangings; Chimney-Piece of Statuary and Giallo Antico Marbles, by Pickford.

The Cicling is in the Manner of Inigo Jones, enriched with Ornaments taken out of Degodetz.

Over the Side Door, a Landscape and Ruins, Figure of Time; and two Boys fitting on a Column; by Gifolfi.

Deborah and Barak, by Solimene.

Underneath it is a small View of Naples, by G. Occhiali,

Two Pieces of Ruins, Companions; by Viviani,

Over the Centre Door, Figures and Ruins, with a Church; by M. Angelo Caravagio.

Below the Vivianis are two Views, both by Occhiali; one is of Naples; the other, of Nettuno.

Above the Chimney-Glass, a Woman's Head, copied from Guido Reni, by Mr. Kent.

Two Heads of Madonnas, after Raphael.

Over the Side Door, Nymphs bathing; by F. Lauri.

On the Window Side, the Nativity of Saint Anne; by Baccicia Gauli.

On the same Side, the Genius of the Arts, supporting the Figure of Time; an emblematical Painting, by Schastian Conca.

## GREEN DAMASK BED-CHAMBER.

The Chimney-Piece, Fior di Perfica, Statuary Marble Freeze enriched with a Golofs; by Pickford. The Cieling in the Manner of Inigo Jones, ornamented from Degodetz.

Above the Chimney-Piece is an original Whole-length Portrait of an Earl of Warwick, by Vandyke.

## GREEN DAMASK DRESSING-ROOM,

The Chimney-Piece, Black and Yellow, with Statuary Marble Ornaments, by Pickford.

Cieling in the Style of Inigo Jones, enriched from Degodetz's Antiquities.

In a Frame, of Mr. Kent's Defign, over the Chimney, is a Portrait of the Princes of Orange, Mother to King William; copied from Sir Peter Lely.

Over the Door, Diana and her Nymphs; a Copy of the famous Picture of Dominichino, in the Palace of Borghefe.

Its Companion, St. Jerome in the Defert; in the Style of Titian.

Galatea, a large Picture, by Albano.

Landscape over the Door, by Gaspar Poussin.

Over another Door is the Figure of a Magician, mounted up in the Air, faid to be Simon Magus; a Number of Spectators assembled in a Court-Yard; by Tintoret.

Elyfian Fields, painted for the Earl of Leicefter, at Rome, by Sebaftian Conca; a large Picture full of Figures, amongst which his Lordship is represented in the Character of Orpheus.

Two large Table-Slabs, of antique Oriental Alabafter, upon Mahogany Frames.

## BLUE and YELLOW BED-CHAMBER.

Cieling and Entablature in the Style of Inigo Jones.

Chimney-Piece in Dove Marble; an Idea of Mr. Kent's, done by Pickford,

Picture above the Chimney-Piece, a Number of Cupids sleeping, and Nymphs of Diana clipping their Wings, &c. in the Style of Albano.

BLUE

#### BLUE SATTIN DRESSING-ROOM.

Cieling, an Oval in an oblong-fquare Frame, after the Manner of Inigo Jones. The Chimney-Piece is composed of Green and Siena Yellow Marbles, and Derbyshire Spar; by Pickford.

This neat Cabinet contains a Collection of valuable Drawings in Frames and Glaffes; the greatest part of which were purchased at Rome, for the Earl, by Mr. Gavin Hamilton.

Above the Centre Door is an original Cartoon of Raphael, the Madonna, young Chrift, and St. John, in Chiaro Ofcuro.

Next it, in the upper Tier of Drawings, is a finished one in red Chalk, from the antique Statue of Juno Lanumvina,

A Man's Head, in black Chalk, by Carlo Maratt.

A Landscape, in red Chalk, by Dominichino.

A large Chiaro-Oscuro Painting upon Board; Figures of Men, some Lathing, some dressing in a hurry, as if alarmed by the Approach of an Enemy. Vasari, in the Life of Michael Angelo Buonaroti, gives the following Account of it. "At the time that Pietro Soderini was Gonfaloniere of Florence, "he employed Michael Angelo to paint part of the Council-Hall, in concurrence with Leonardo da "Vinci." Perseche Michael Angelo ebbe una Stanza nello Spedale de Tinteri a San Onofrio; e quivi comincio un grandissimo Cartone e lo empie di ignudi, che bagnandos per lo caldo, nel siume d'Arno in quello stante si dava al'arme nel campo, singendo, che gli inimici li assallissero, e mentre che suor delle acque uscivono per vestirs i Soldati si vedeva, Chi assirtare lo armarsi per dar aiuto a Compagni, altri assirti la corazza, e molti mettersi altre Armi indosso. It was purchased out of the Barberini Collection.

Hannibal passing the Alps with his Army; in red Chalk, by P. Cortona.

Academy Figure, in red Chalk, by Andrea Sacchi.

Ditto of Dominichino.

Ditto of Andrea Sacchi.

A Pestilence, in Bister, by N. Poussin.

Head upon blue Paper, in black Chaik, by Dominichino.

Over the Chimney-Glass a fmall Academy Figure, drawn with the Pen, by Raphael.

A Head of a Madonna, black Chalk, upon blue Paper, by Francesco Chiari.

Composition, a Tomb on the Fore Ground; coloured Drawing, by Van Lint.

A Head, red Chalk, upon blue Paper, by Carlo Maratt.

Esculapius, from an antique Statue, red Chalk.

Middle Row, the first from the Door, the Virgin embracing the Cross, in black Chalk.

Crucifixion of St. Andrea, red and white Chalk, by Ciro Ferri.

Christ carrying the Cross; by Luca D'Olanda.

A Study from a Fox, with the Pen, by Annibal Carracci.

A Battle-Piece, by Monfù Leander.

Academy Figure, in red Chalk, by Bernini,

A Woman possessed; many Figures in red Chalk; School of Raphael.

Academy Figure, in black and white Chalk, by Lanfranco.

Over the Door, Venus and Adonis, in red Chalk, by Guercino.

Flora's Head, in black Chalk, by C. Maratt.

A Man's Fiead, in black Chalk, by Corregio.

Wife Men's Offering, in Bifter, by Pietro Perugino.

A Landscape and Figures, with the Pen, by Claude Lorrain.

Soldiers breaking down a Bridge; in Bifter, by Parmegiano.

The Afcention, in black Chalk, by Carlo Maratt.

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Madonna

Madonna and young Christ, in red Chalk, by Ditto.

A Drapery Figure, a young Man fitting, in red and white Chalk, by Corregio.

A Christ, with the Cross; Pen and Wash, by Giuseppe d'Arpino.

A Salutation, Pen and Wash, by Carlo Maratt.

An emblematic Subject, in red Chalk, by Lanfranco.

Our Saviour and his Apostles; School of Raphael.

An Assumption of the Virgin, in Bister, by Ciro Ferri.

Battle-Piece, Pen and India Ink, by Monfù Leander.

A capital Drawing of Joseph and his Brethren, in Bifter, touched with White, by Polidor

Taking down from the Crofs; a Sketch for his famous Picture in the Church of Trinita di Monte; Caravagio. by Daniel di Volterra.

A young Christ with the Cross; in red Chalk, by Guercino.

St. Francis healing a Lame Man; in red Chalk, by Andrea Sacchi.

An Apostle, drawn with the Pen, by Titian.

St. Paul preaching; a Sketch in red Chalk, by Carlo Maratt.

An Academy Figure, Pen and Bifter, by Guercino.

Flight into Egypt; Pen and Wash, by Agostino Carracci.

Cupid and Pfyche, a red Chalk Drawing

Two Roman Saints healing the Blind, by Giovani Bonati.

St. John baptizing our Saviour; in Bifter, by Carlo Maratt.

Academy Figure, red Chalk, by Andrea Camasco.

Cattle and Countrymen, by Castiglione.

Portrait of a Woman, in red Chalk, by Titian.

Marriage of Joseph and the Virgin Mary, black Chalk, Agostino Masucci.

Sketch of a Female Saint, in red Chalk, by Carlo Maratt,

## BUSTOES, and STATUES in the Vestibule under the Portico,

Above the Chimney-Piece is a Medallion, in Marble, of Carneades, the Cyrenean Philosopher; who, being fent by the Athenians upon an Embaffy to Rome, with Diogenes the Stoic, and Critolaus the Peripatetic, first taught the Romans to admire the Learning and Eloquence of the Greeks. The Buflo of Carneades in the Farnese Gallery (which is the only good one of him) perfectly agrees with the Features of this Medallio. The Work of the Hair and Face is Grecian, and antique; the other parts of the Medallion were reftored by Cavaceppi. M. B.

An antique Herma, (which has been the Head of a Therme). It is of Lyfias, the Athenian Orator, the Scholar of Socrates: there is also a Bust of him in the Farnese Gallery, with his Name inscribed

on the Breaft, in Greek Letters, ATELAE. Images of him are very rare. M. B.

A ditto of Plato, as he is always represented with a Protuberance of Beard, and his Hair (which is plaited and disposed in regular Curls) tied round the Head with a Fillet. Likenesses of this great Philosopher in Gems, as well as in Marbles, are frequently to be met with: this was dug up in a Vineyard near the Church of Saint John Lateran, and purchased at Rome by M. B.

A Bufto of Cicero, in Marble, copied after that in the Gallery of Florence.

A ditto of Seneca, in ditto.

A large antique Figure of Jupiter, bought in Italy by the Earl, which is intire, except the Arms and Hands, restored by Mr. Wilton.

Two antique Cinerary Urns in the Form of Altars. One is inferibed to Petronio Hydychro, ornamented with Festoons, supported at the Angles by Candelabra. Romulus and Remus sucking the Wolf, and the facred Chickens feeding, are its Decorations in Front: upon its Flanks are two fitting Griffins. The

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The other is inscribed to C. Calpurnio. Boys in Basio Relievo, bearing up Festoons of Flowers and Fruit: a Genius is transporting the Soul of the Dead to the Regions of Pluto and Proferpine.

Six Flaster Casts in Niches, from antique Statues; viz. Apollo of the Belvedere, a Cast of an original Mould, taken from that Statue in the Year 1750, and brought to England by M. B.

Meleager of Pichini, a ditto. Ganymede of the Villa Medici, a ditto:

Ptolemy of the Grand Duke's Gallery at Florence.

Venus di Belle Fesse, a ditto.

Dancing Faun in the Gallery at Florence.

There are likewise two large Side-Board Slabs of Mount-Edgecumbe Red Granite, with gilt Metal

## In the PORTER'S HALL, or GUARD-ROOM,

Is an excellent Bust in Plaster, and a very good Likeness, of the Earl of Leicester, by Roubiliac.

A good antique Busto of the Empress Salonina, which, though of the latter Empire, when Sculpture was on the decline, might well p. is for the Work of a finer Age.

A Busto called by the Name of Lucius Lentulus; antique,

A fine antique Confular Buft and Pedeftal, both of one Piece of Marble; incognito,

#### A U D I T - R O O M, 21 by 48.

Above the Chimney-Piece is an antique Medallion of a Faun, in the Attitude of dancing, as if inspired by the God Bacchus: he holds the Lituus in one Hand, and in the other a Bunch of Grapes! upon the back Ground is a Vafe. It is in Baffo Relievo.

#### SOUTH and NORTH TOWER ATTICS

Have, fince the Earl's Death, been fitted up with Book-Cafes, and with the Addition of the Space, in the Roof over the Statue-Gallery, between the Towers, formed into a Library of nearly 106 Feet in Length; in which a great Number of old Editions of Printed Books, brought from other Libraries, belonging to the Family, are deposited. Upon the upper Shelf are placed, by way of Ornaments, twenty-three Plaster Casts of Greek, Roman, and Modern Bustoes; many of which were moulded from antique original Marbles, and fent to England by M. B.

#### BUSTOES in the PORTICO of the STEWARD's LODGE.

Mecanas, a very rare one in Bigio Antico: the Head of it is antique, and thought to be the only one of him yet discovered: the upper Part of the Head is thin of Hair, or rather bald on the Crown, as he is represented in his Gems. Notwithstanding Portraits of this eminent Roman (who was the Patron of the Arts in the Reign of Augustus) are so scarce in Marble, nevertheless in Gems they are more obvious; Impressions of which, extant in Sulphur, show that the Art of Engraving precious Stones was then arrived at its greatest Persection, if Sculpture in general were not. There is a fine Head of Mecanas in Amethyft, preferred in the King of France's Cabinet, (that refembles this Buffe) of Greek Workmanship, by the Hand of Dioscorides, who was the Apelles of Seal-Engravers.

A Cast of the Emperor Titus, in modern Bronze.

Within the principal Room of the Lodge, is another Plaster Bust of the Earl of Leicester, by Roubiliac.

## SEAT upon the MOUNT.

A finall antique Figure of the River Nile, in white Marble.

A Coro Marino Antique; confissing of many Figures, Sca-Nymphs, Centaurs, and Cupids; in Alto Relievo.

## In the GREEN-HOUSE.

A Platter Cast, taken from an original Mould of the Lion in the Villa Medici, ascribed to Flaminius Vacca.

## In the ORANGERY.

A very fine antique Corinthian Capital in white Marble; also two antique Marble Bases of Columns.

In the COURT between the KITCHEN and CHAPEL WINGS.

A large fluted antique Sarcophagus, without its Cover: the Body of it is very intire, and in good Confervation.

#### In the TEMPLE.

The little Apollo of Medici, Venus of Medici, Dancing Faun of ditto, Ptolemy of ditto; all Plaster Casts from the Antique.

## CHAPEL WING BED-CHAMBER.

King James II. a Whole-length Portrait, by Sir Peter Lely.

Charles II. a Half-length.

William III. a ditto.

## In the CLOSET.

Lady Wivill, Sifter to the Earl of Leicester, Children.

His Sifter, Mrs. Roberts,

Lady Grade Pierpont, a Head.

## DRESSING-ROOM.

Twelve Drawings in Chalk, Sketches of Views about Holkham, decorated with Garden-Buildings, by Zucarelli.

One Drawing by Mr. Kent.

Seventy Prints of different Hands.

## R U S T I C P A R L O U R.

A fmall Bronze Figure of Jupiter. Five large Views of the Ports of Sicily.

Four Drawings of Holkham House,

FINIS.

# AL LETTORE.

TL Nobilissimo Sigr. Conte di LEICESTER, discendente dal rinomato Cavalier' Edoardo Coke, famossissimo Legislatore e Giudice supremo in tempo della Regina Elisabetta, e del Rè Giacomo primo d' Inghilterra, fece incominciare a HOLKHAM, terreno suo nella Contea di Norsolk per sua residenza di campagna, incirca l'anno 1730, la Fabbrica seguente, discosta 120 miglia da Londra. Quest' opera essendo stata ben' avanzata avanti la di lui morte, che succedè appresso l'anno 1759, su proseguita a termine dall' Eccellentissima sua Consorte La Contessa presente, la quale diede l'ultima mano verso la fine dell' anno 1764.

Le Facciste di cotesta maestosa Villa, sono de mattoni bellissimi, color gialletto, ed abbellite con ornati di Zoccolo, Architrave, Fregio, Cornice, e con Colonne d'Ordine Corintio satte di pietra viva, quasi della medesima tinta; che su riportata da Bath, cioè dai Bagni, luogo ben' conosciuto in

questo Regno.

Il Corpo principale della Fabbrica è disposto in mezzo a quattro Ale, o sian' Padiglioni, ai quali fanno lega quattro Corridori rettilineari, che conducono ai quattro sopradetti Padiglioni, e sanno insieme incirca 350 piedi Inglesi d'estenzione nelle Facciate principali. La parte di mezzo contiene la Sala grande in forma di Bassici tiata dall'antica descrizzione di Marco Vitruvio, la quale conduce per una Scalinata grandiosa al primo Piano ovvero Appartamento nobile; e sotto d'esso Appartamento v' e 'l piano terreno, ove sono collocate le Officine dei Domestici principali, così disposte per essere più vicine al Padrone, e ai suoi Amici Vistatori.

Ciafcun' Padiglione ha 'l fuo utile deftinato-gli : Uno contiene la Cucina, la Sala, dove mangiano li Servitori di Livrea, la Difpenfa, Sciaquatoio, e i Forni, ed altre officine minori, fono disposte intorno un' Cortile bislungo circondate da un Muro che le rinchiude da Vista esterna. La parte fotterranea d'un altro Padiglione viene consegnata al luogo dove si conserva il Latte, il Lavandajo, e luogo per asciugar i panni, contiguo al quale v' è parimente un Cortile bislungo per mettere Legna, Carbone di Terra, Sabbia, ed altre Abbisognevoli Cose, ch'esse richiedono.

Dall' altra banda verso l'Occidente sono le altre due Ale le più principali; in una si contiene l'Appartamento per il Padrone, e sua Dama, e le Camere minori per il Segretario, Camerieri, e Cameriere; ed altra Servitù, che deve attendere personalmente appresso i Signori. Questo Appartamento del Padrone comprende un' Anticamera, due Camere da Vestirsi, la Libraria principale e la mento del Padrone comprende un' Anticamera, due Camere da Vestirsi, la Libraria principale e la Camera di Letto con Cabinetto e due Scale che conducono da per tutto; di più v' è una Sala privata a mangiare nel Piano terreno, un Bagno, e in Cima del Tetto v' è collocata una Custerna, che riceve l'acqua per mezzo d'una Tromba per commodo dell' Appartamento e per uso dei luoghi privati secondo l'usanza Inglese.

La Pianta del quarto Padiglione, noruinato per i Stranieri, hà la fua diffribuzione adattata al fuo utile, cioè per accomodare li Vifitanti dei Padroni; confifte inticramente in Camere per dormire, in Camere per Vestirsi, e per alloggiare i Camerieri che vengono co' loro Padroni; hà eziandio la sua Cisterna d'acqua e luoghi privati, e v' è una Galleria piccola che conduce all' Appartamento maggiore o sia Piano nobi'e.

## SPIEGAZIONE delle STAMPE

## Contenute in quest' Opera.

No. 1. PIANTA generale del Piano fotterraneo coi fiti delle quattro Ale gia descritte, Cortili, ed Officine minori; e delle Cantine che sono poste sotto il Pian' terreno del Corpo Principale.

2. Piano terreno, dove c'è la gran' Sala d'Entrata, e la Sua Scalinata; poi il Vestibulo sotto il Portico che conduce dentro il Giardino; La Sala bislunga dove si trattengono i Tenenti, Sala per l'Armi è per.il Portinaro, (a Man' dritta della Gran' Sala;) Le Camere per i Domestici principali, cioè per il Maestro di Casa, per il Bottigliere, la Governatrice delle Serve, la Cucina, la Capella, ed altre Camere distribuite nell' Ale per uso della Servitù, e per accomodare gente di mestiere.

3. Piano nobile. A, la gran Sala; B, Salone ò fia prima Anti Camera; C, Portico; D, Sala di compagnia; E, Galleria con trè divisioni lunga, incirca xo8 Piedi; F, Anti-camera che conduce all' Appartamento dei Padroni; G, Camera a Vestirsi; H, la Libraria lunga 54 Piedi; I, Camera di Mi Lady Leicester; K, Camera per dormire col suo Cabinetto a canto; LL, Appartamenti per i Stranieri; M, altra Sala di Compagnia; N, Camera della Toilette principale; O, Sedia ò Palco per i Padroni dentro la Capella; P, Capella; Q, Camera principale a dormire; RS, Camere de Toilette; TU, due Camere le quali fanno un Appartamento distinto, l'una per il Letto, l'altra a Vestirsi; W, gran' Sala a mangiare; N, la Cucina che occupa l'altezza di due piani.

4. Pianta dell' Attico, ò Mezzanino dove v'è un'altra Libraria grande con diverse Camere a dormire.

5. Facciata principale verso Settentrione.

6, 7. verso Mezzo dì.

8. dirimpetto 'l Levante.

verfo Occidente.

10, 11. Spaccato della Sala grande, Sala a mangiare, della Galleria, e d'uno dei Appartamenti principali a dormire.

12, 13. Spaccati per traverso, della Sala grande, Salone, e del Portico.

14, 15. Spaccato della banda verso 'l Salone.

16. della Libraria.

17. della Galleria, dove fono collocate le Statue antiche.

18. Soffitto della gran Sala.

19. della Sala di Compagnia,

20. dell' altra Sala di Compagnia.

della Camera di Toilette principale.della Camera principale per dormire.

23. della Camera per dormire verso Settentrione.

24. della Camera de Toilette appartenente alla medema.

24. dei Cabinetti fra tutte due le Camere a dormire.

25. della gran Sala a mangiare.

26. Soffitto

- 26. Soffitto della prima Camera del Padrone.
- 27. della feconda, ò Camera a Vestirsi.
- 27. della fua Camera di Letto.
- 27. della Camera di Milady Leicester.
- 28. del Salone.
- 29. del Portico.
- 30. della Libraria.
- 31. dei Cabinetti de Toilette.
- 32. Spaccato della Capella ove v'è l'Affonzione della Madonna da Guido Reni, Sant' Anna, e Santa Cecilia quadri dipinti dal Signor Cypriani.
- 32. Soffitto della medefima Capella.
- 33. della prima Camera nel Padiglione nuovo, ovvero de i Stranieri.
- 34. della Camera di Tapezzeria in fudetto Padiglione,
- 35. d'un' altra Camera fornita d'Arazzi, di color roffo, e giallo, nel medemo.
- 36. della Camera d'Arazzi color turchino, e giallo.
- 37. della Camera d'Arazzi color verde.
- 38. della Camera di Letto apartenente alla fudetta.
- 39. Portone della gran Sala, e del Salone.
- 40. Porte principali dell' Appartamento Nobile.
- 41. Finestre principali.
- 42. Dette.
- 43. Camini della Sala di Compagnia, e della Galleria.
- 44. Detti della Sala a mangiare, e del Salone.
- 45. dell' Anti-camera, e della Camera di Toilette.
- 46. della Camera principale a dormire.
- 47. della Camera di Mi Lady Leicester.
- 48. della Libraria.
- 49. della Capella.
- 50. della Camera di Tapezzeria Padiglione nuovo.
- 51. della Camera turchina e gialla.
- 52. dell' Anti-camera del Padrone.
- 53. Facciata e Pianta d'un Casino fabbricato vicino il Giardino, per il Castaldo e suo Segretario,
- 54. Cafini Portinarii all' Entrata Settentrionale del Parco.
- 55. Spaccato d'uno de' fopra detti.
- 56. Facciata d'un Tempietto nel Giardino.
- 57. Spaccato del medefimo.
- 58. Portico nell' Orangeria, e l'Alzato d'un' Arco nel Giardino.
- 59. Sedia fopra il Monte, e 'l Obelifco Egiziaco nel Giardino.
- 60. Ponte Palladiano.
- 61. Altri Cafini Portinarii all' Entrata del Parco verso Mezzo dì.
- 62. Arco Grande su' la Strada principale, distante trè miglia dalla Villa.
- 63. Colombaria.
- 64. Facciata delle Stalle.
- 65. Pianta generale delle medefime.
- 66. Pavillione, ideato per un fito ful lido del Lago, non messo in opera.
- 67. Cafini all' Entrata Orientale, non messi in opera.
- 68. Il Roverscio dei medesimi,
- 69. Pilastri rustici, e porte di ferro ideate per l'Entrata verso l'Occidente, non messe in opera.

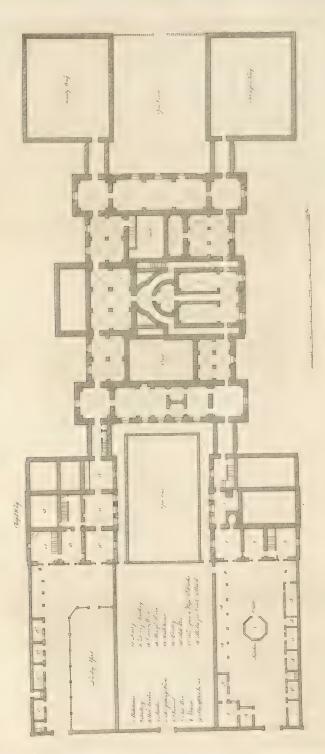
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N. B. Nell Appartamento nobile, v' è una Scielta de' varii bellissimi Quadri raccolti dall' Italia, opere squisste di Guido Reni, di Rubens, Vandike, di Dominichino, Lanfranco, Nicolo e Gasparo Possino, Tiziano, Pietro Cortona, Carlo Maratti, con altri bravissimi Professori: Una Madonna, col Bambino, Originale di Rassale d'Urbino: Il Poliseme dipinto a fresco da Annibale Carracci, tirato dal Palazzo Barberini; la Moglie di Potifera quadro dipinto in grande da Carlo Cignani, e più de' dieci Paesi bellissimi dipinti da Clodio Lorronese, &c.,

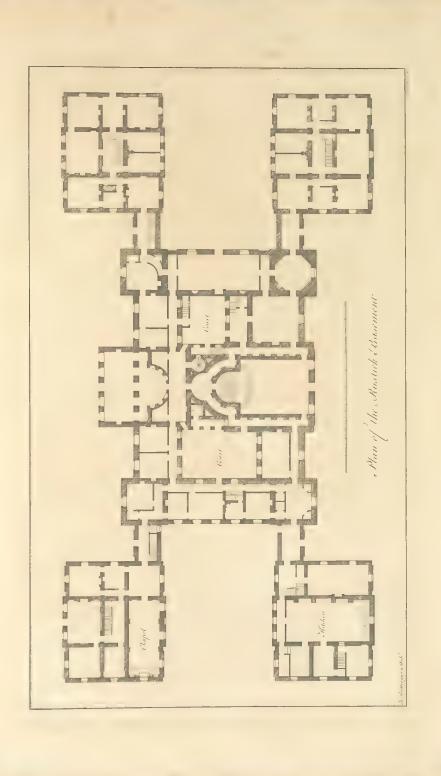
Nella Galleria opera perfettifima in fuo genere, v'è una raccolta di Statue antiche, cioè la famofa Diana Cacciatrice, portata da Roma dal fù Ecc<sup>ea</sup> Signor Padrone; il Dio Fauno di lavoro e preservazione singolare; il Nettuno raro; Giunone, Agrippina maggiore, Lucio Antonio ristorato dal Cavalier' Bernini, Lucio Vero, Venere, Meleagro, Minerva, Cerere, Apollino, Bacco, e due Faunetti che suonano la Fisfula, e più di venti Busti antichi, trà i quali c'è quello di Cornelio Silla, di Metredoro, di Giunio Bruto, ed alcuni altri, Busti rarissimi.

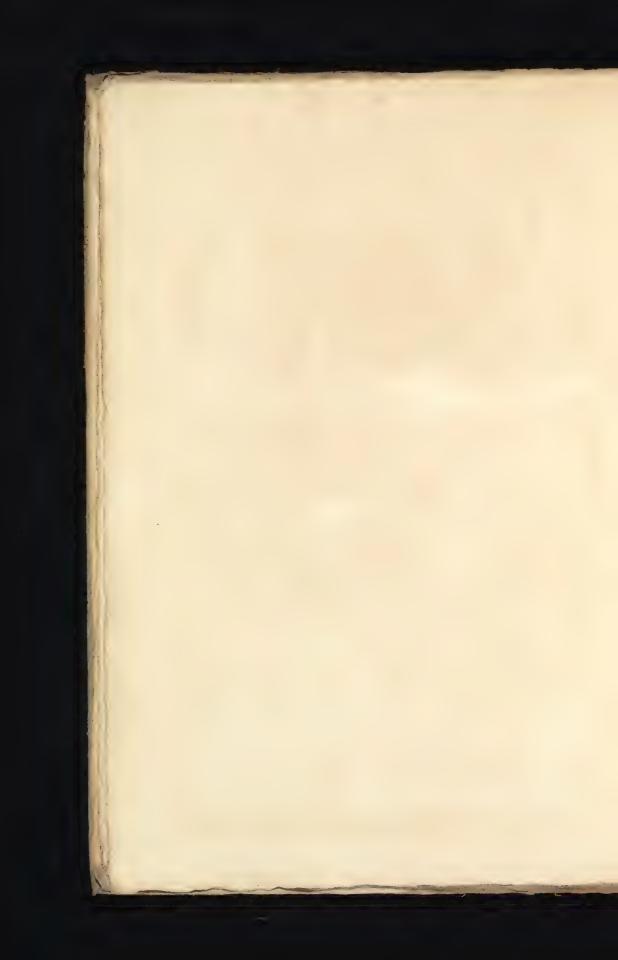
Anche nella Libraria vi fono Porta Foglii pieni de' bellifiimi Diffegni originali dai più eccelenti Maeftri d'Italia; alcuni di Raffaele, di Giulio Romano, i Carracci, Guido Reni, Guercino, Dominichino, Andrea Sacchi, e Carlo Maratti: e di più v' è un' Libro de' Diffegni tirati colla penna dalla mano di Raffaele doppo gli Edifici antichi di Roma effiftenti in tempo fuo; Fregi, Cornicioni, ed altri Ornati maravigliofamente diffegnati,



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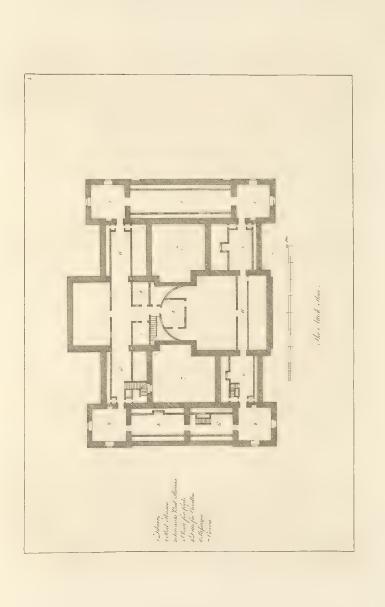


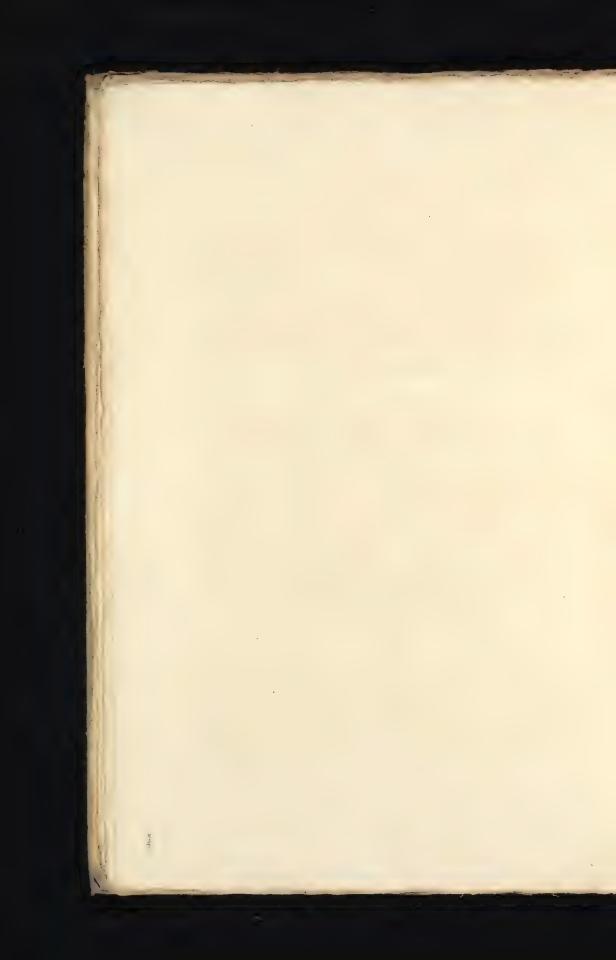




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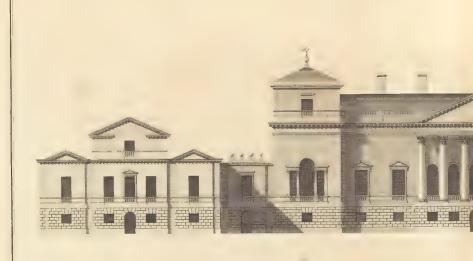
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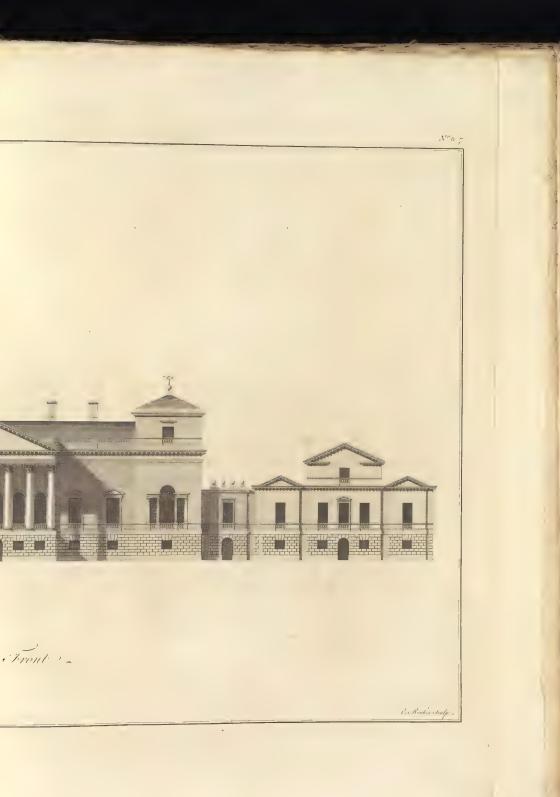




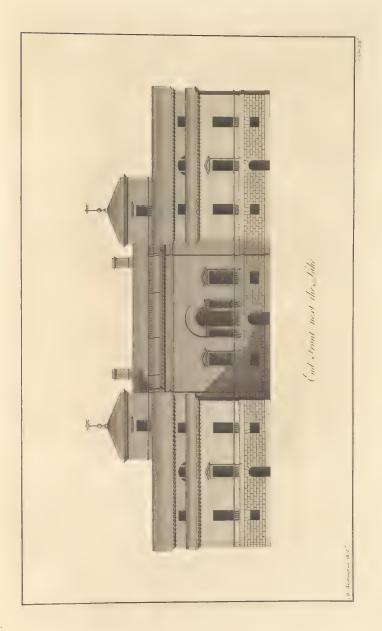


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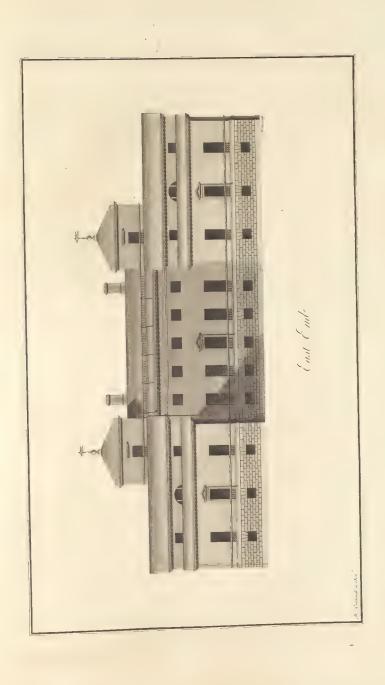
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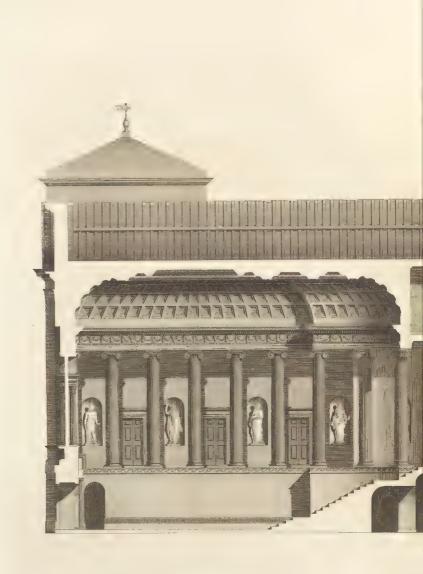








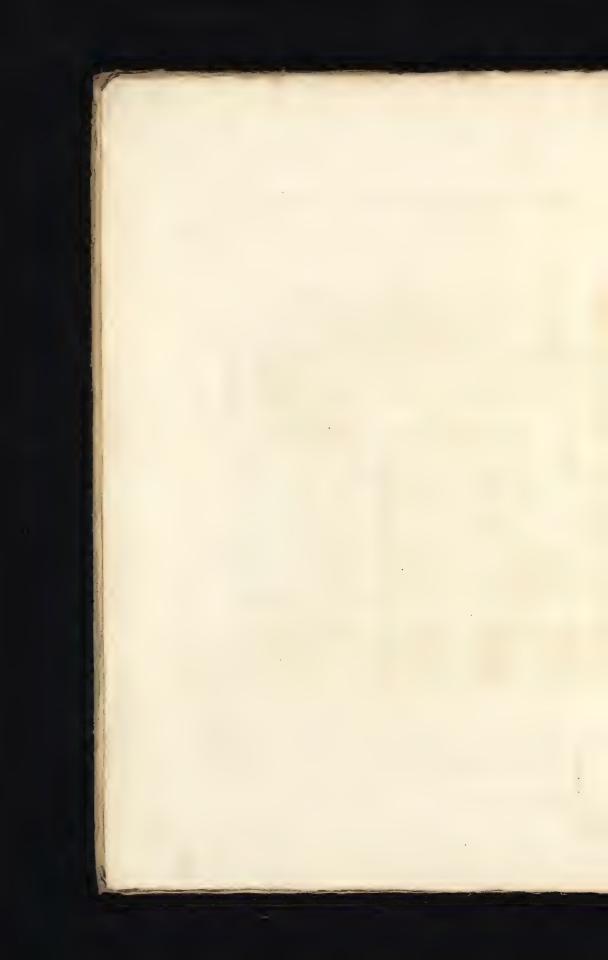




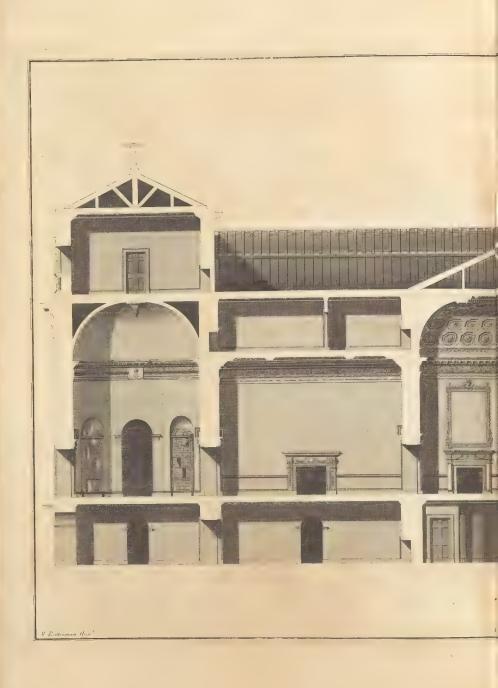
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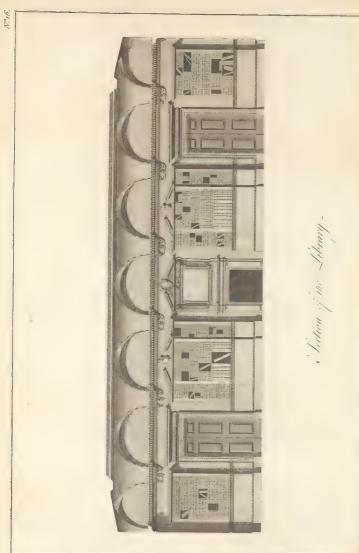












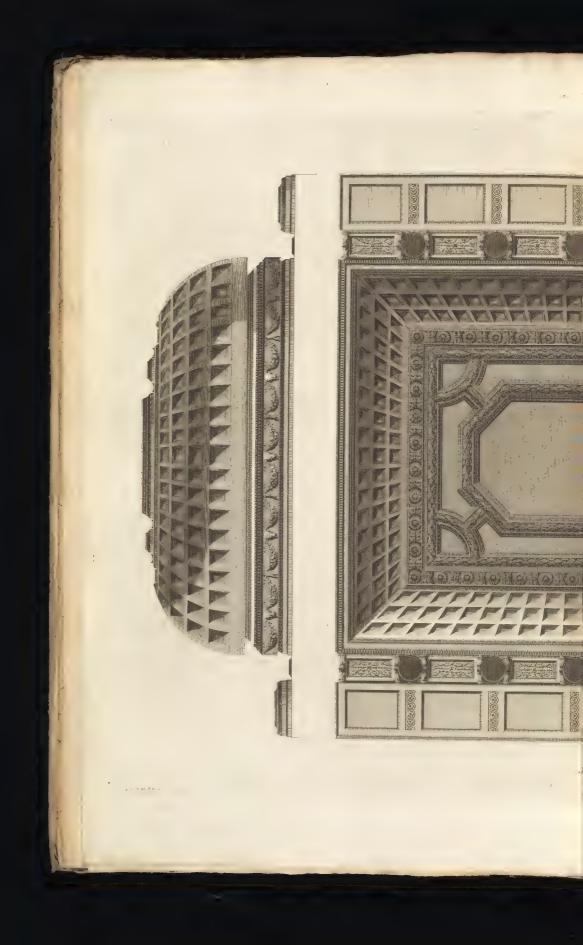
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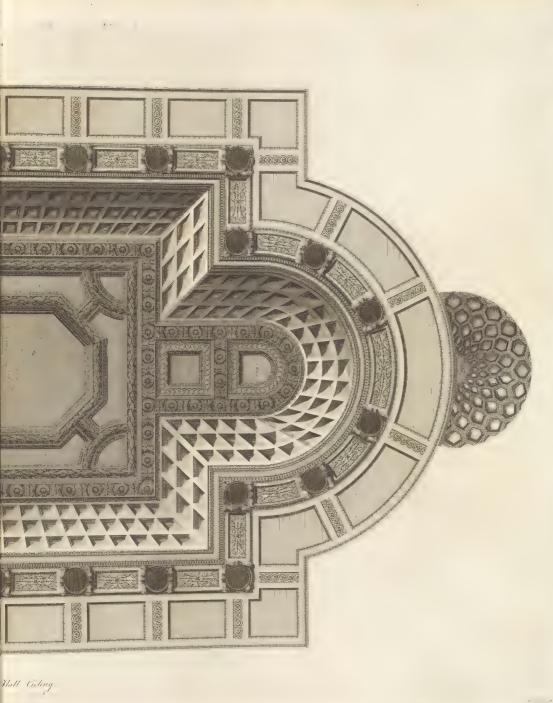








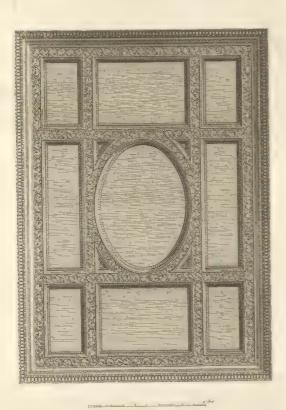




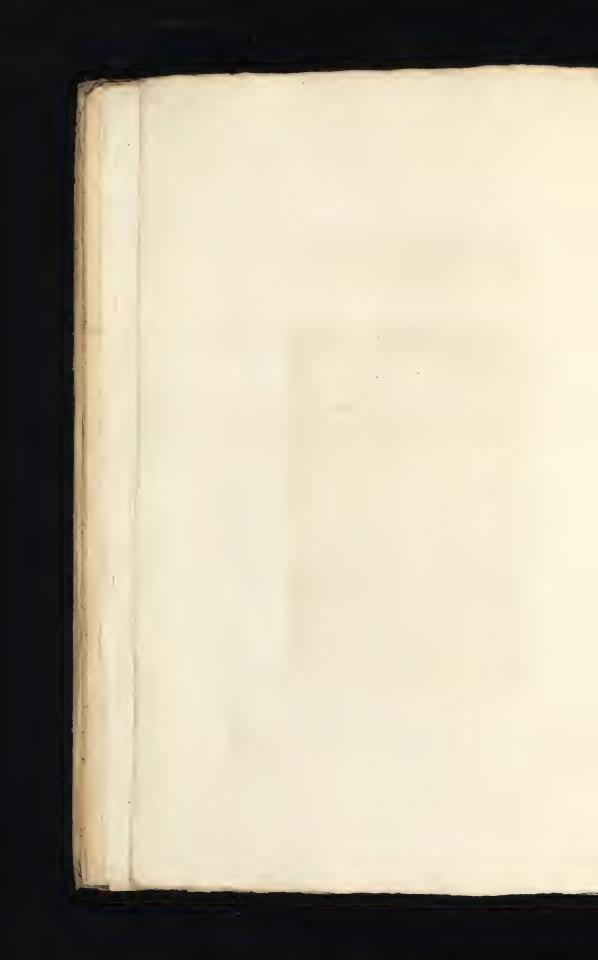
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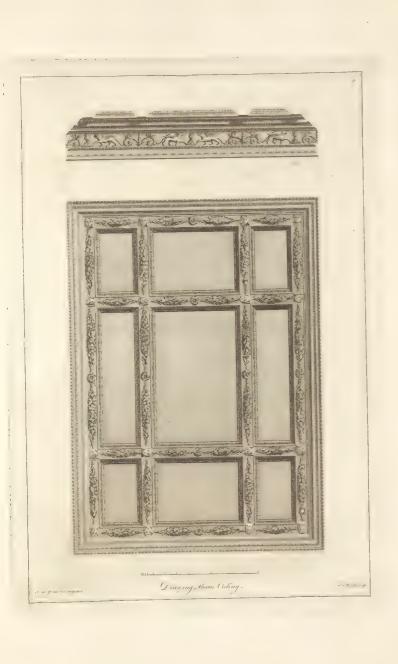


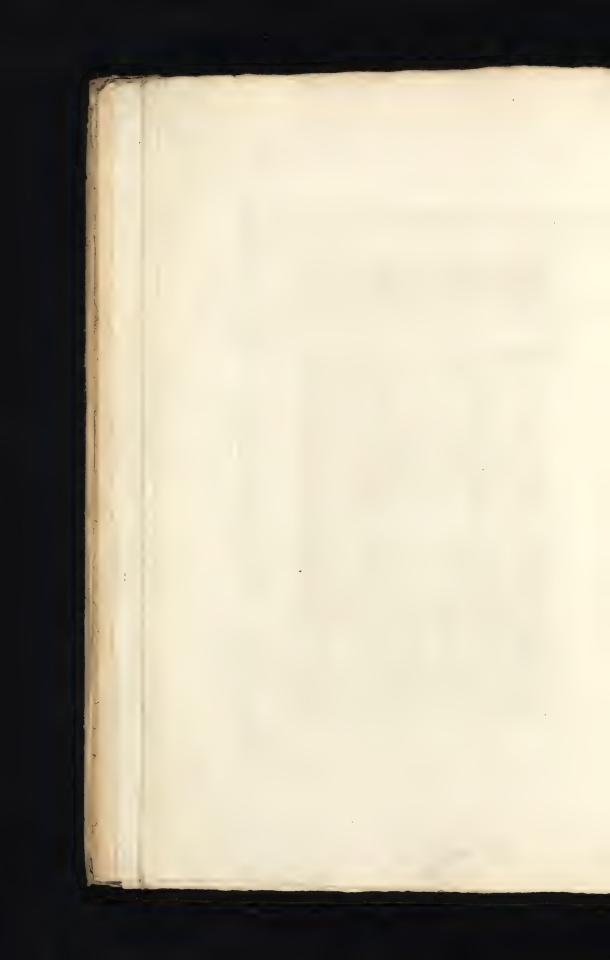


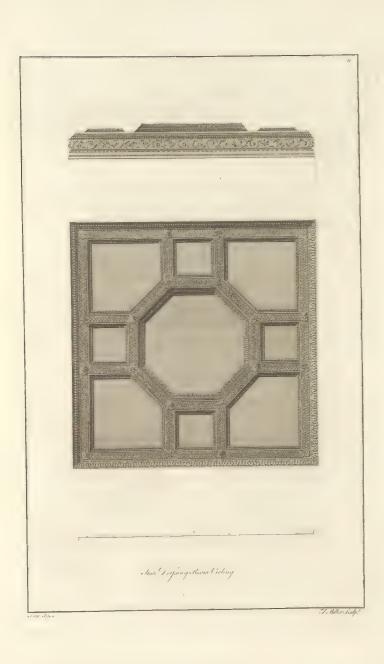


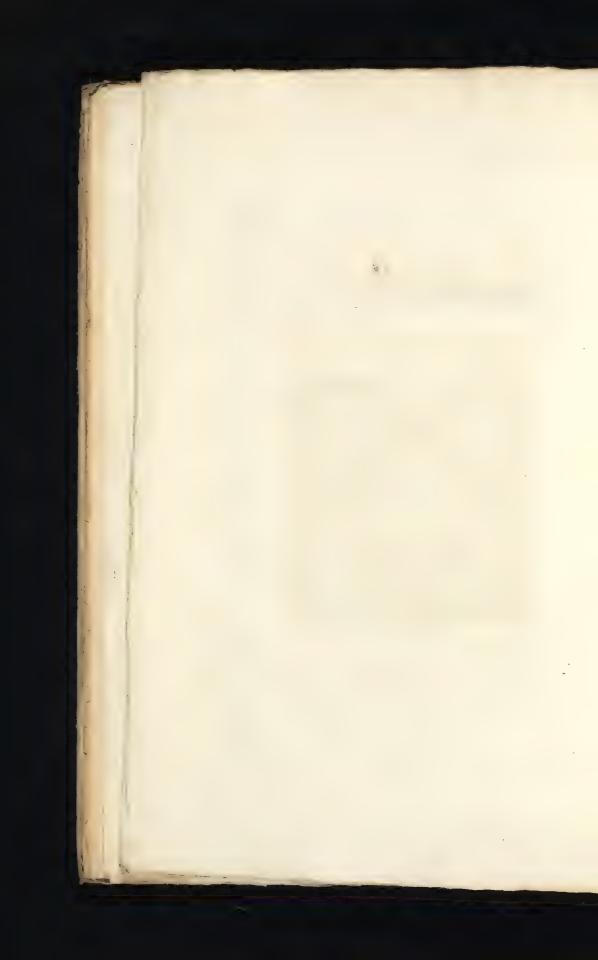
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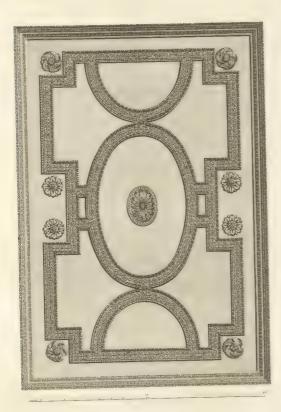




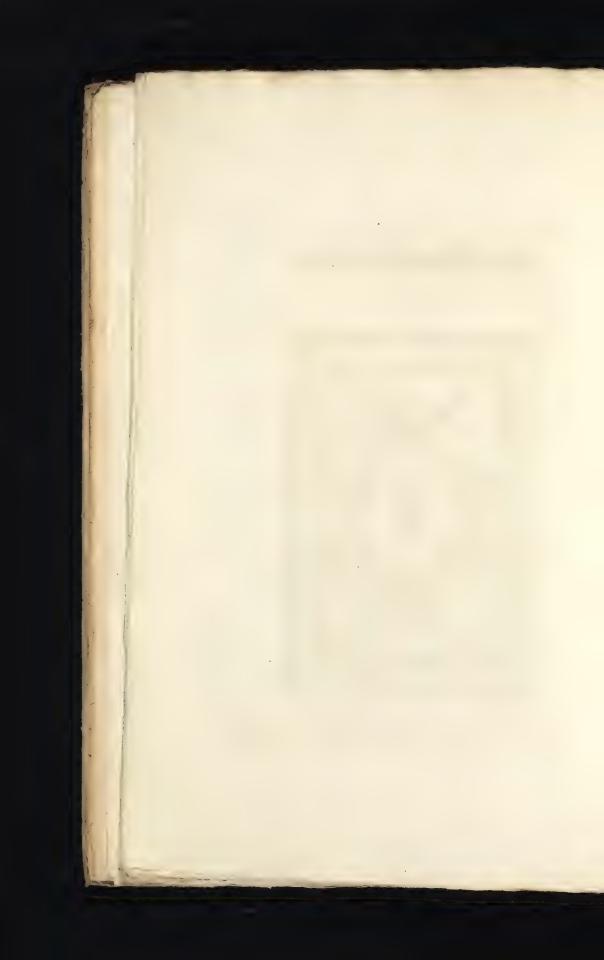




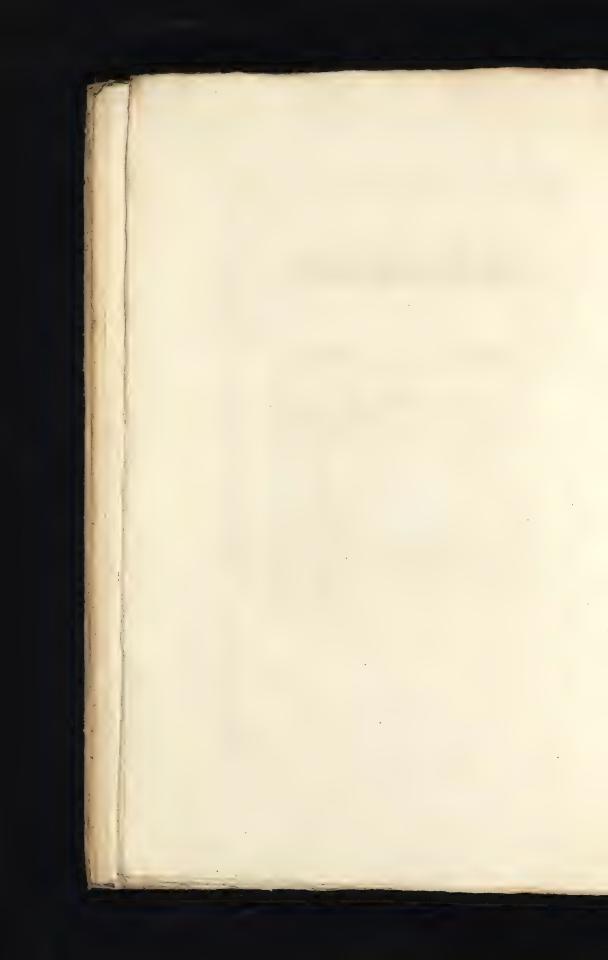


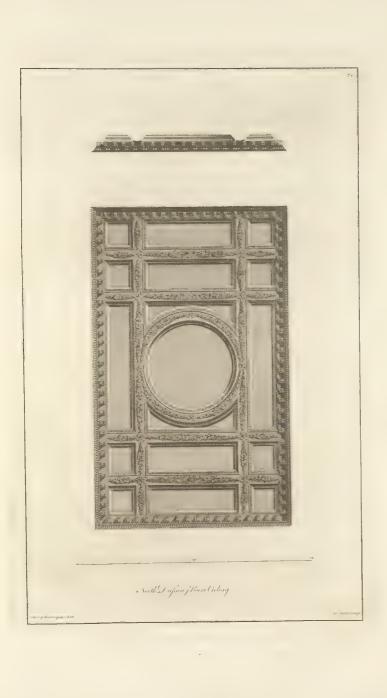


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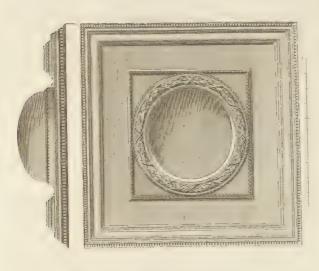


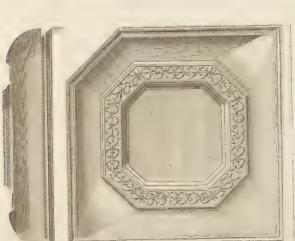
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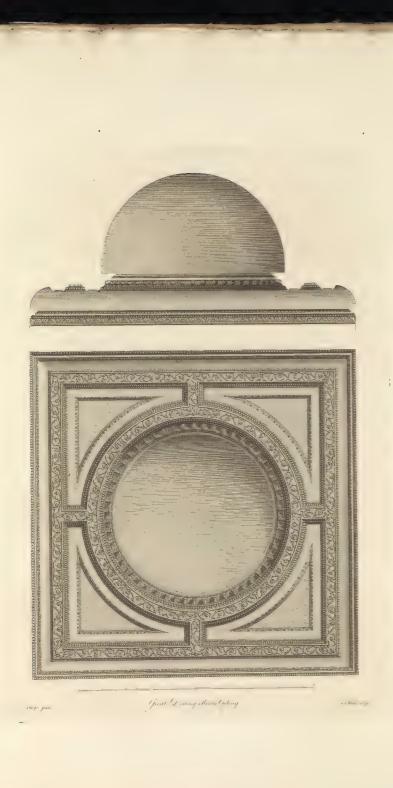


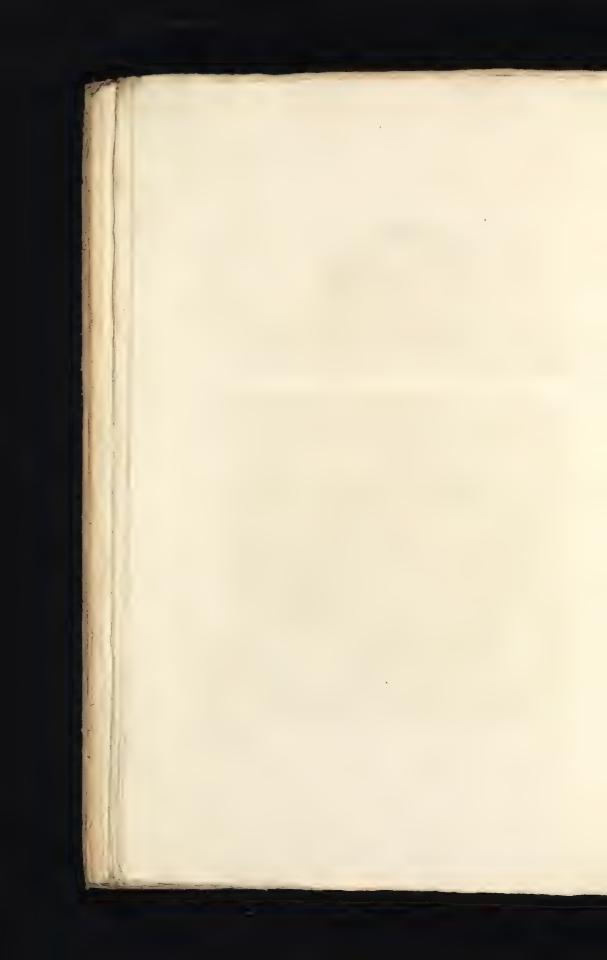


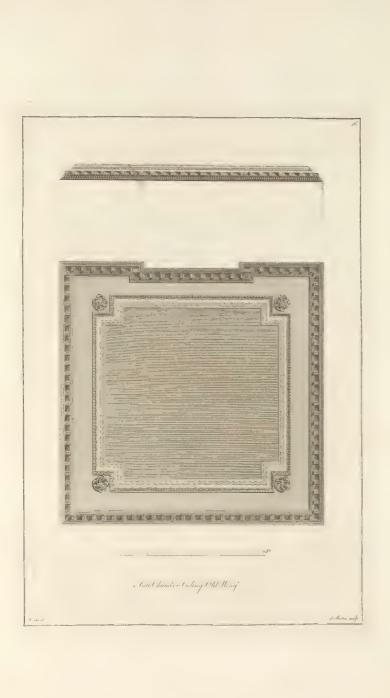


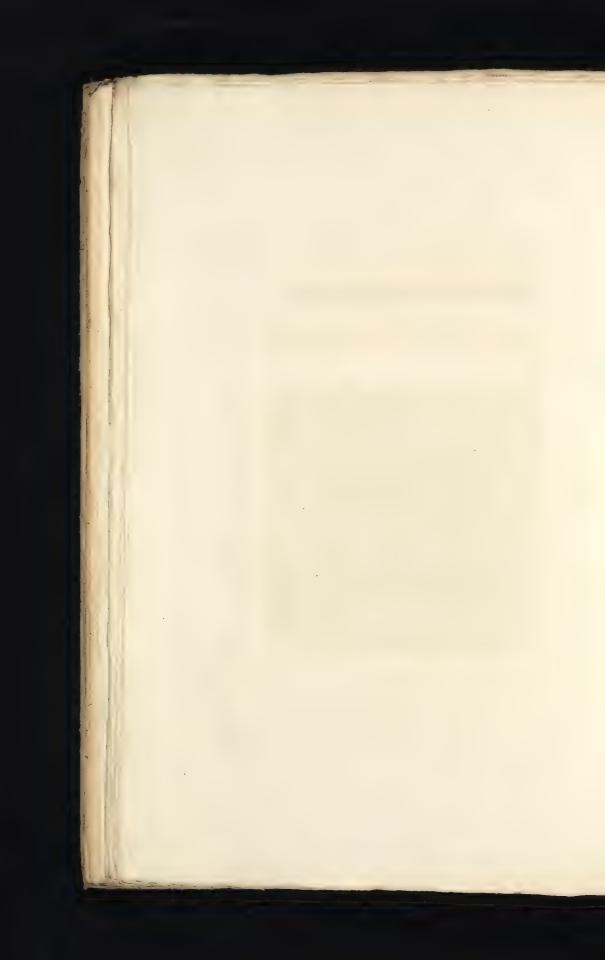
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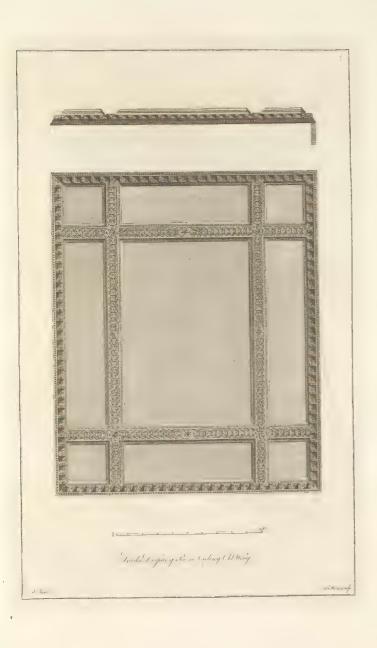




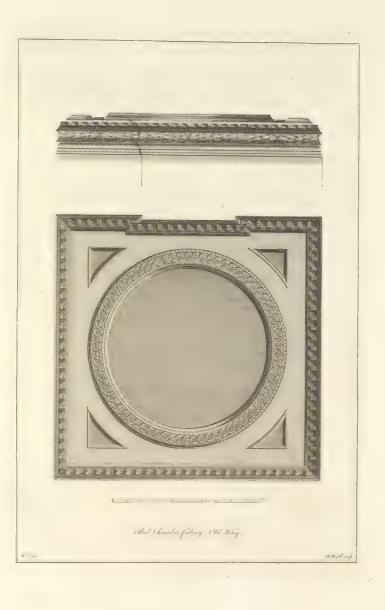


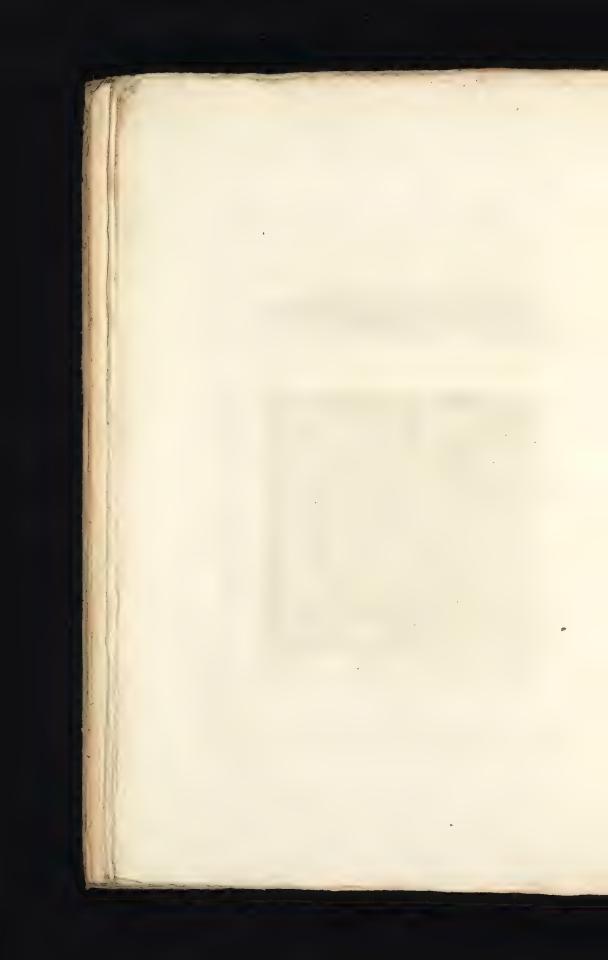




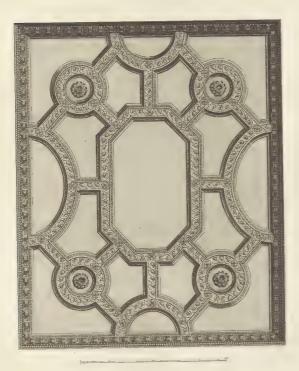








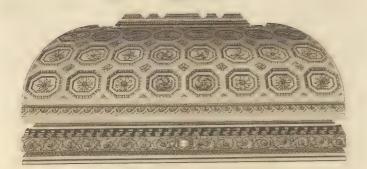


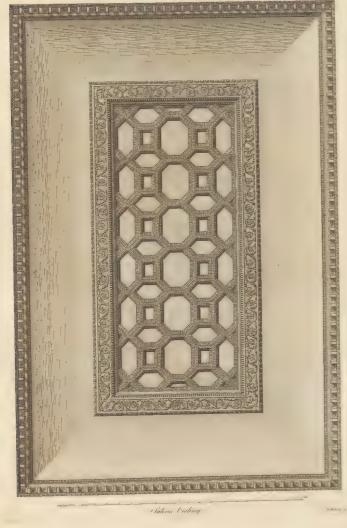


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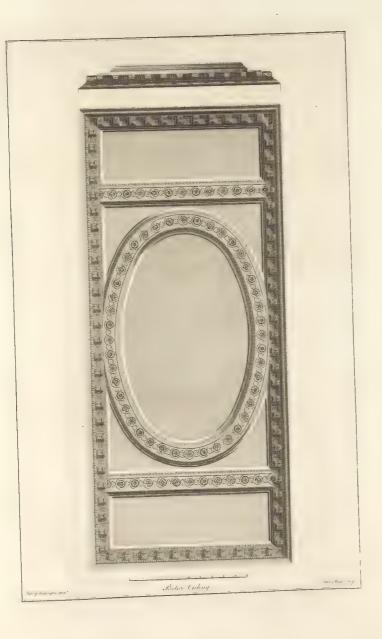
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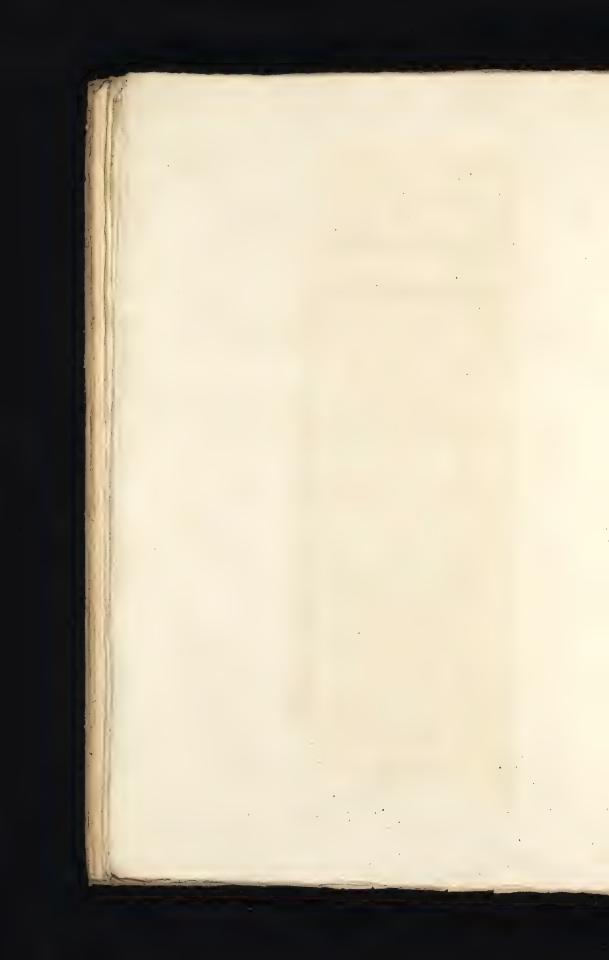


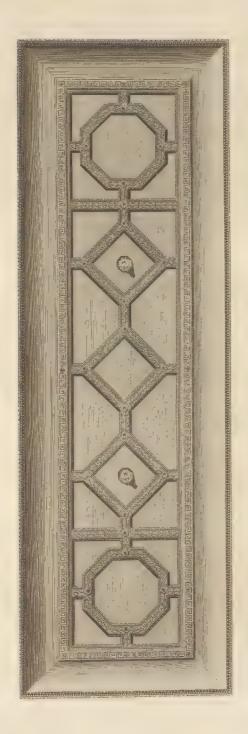












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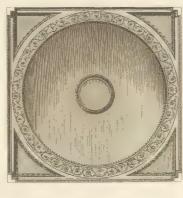






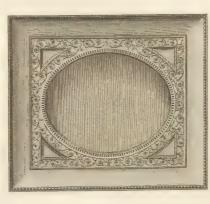




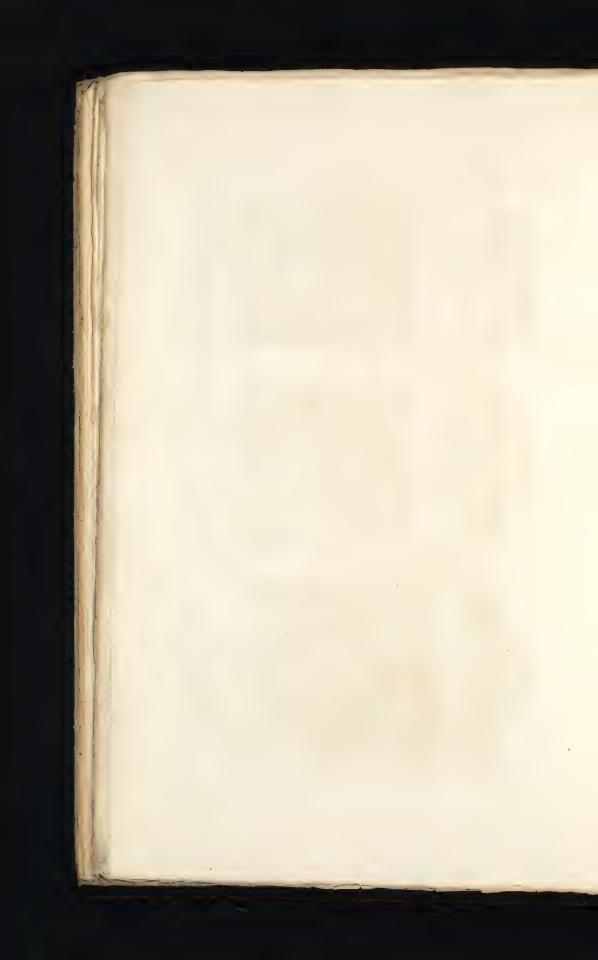


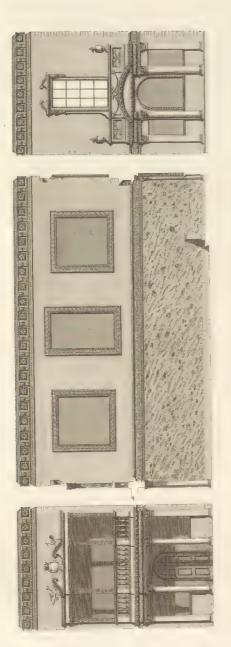
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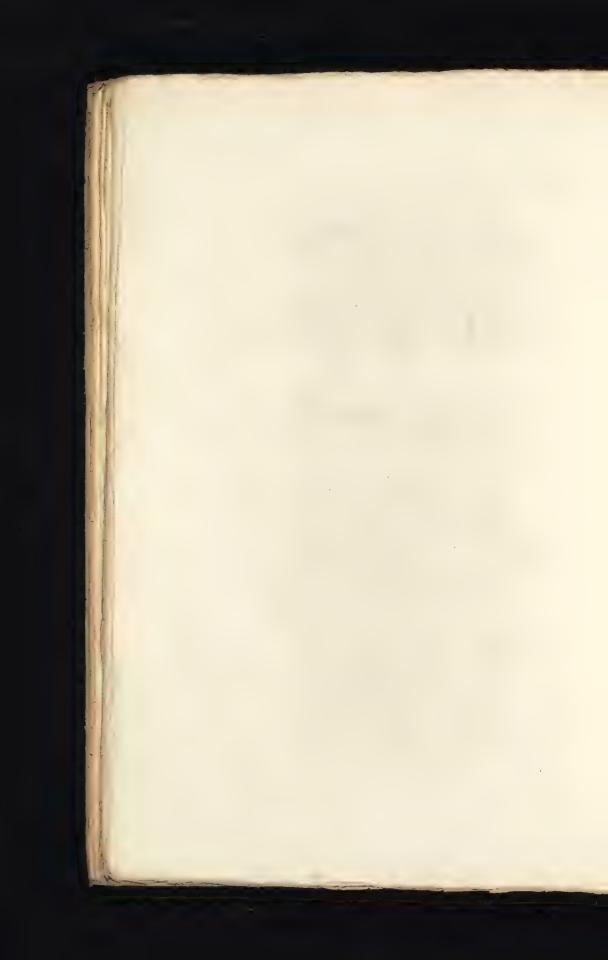


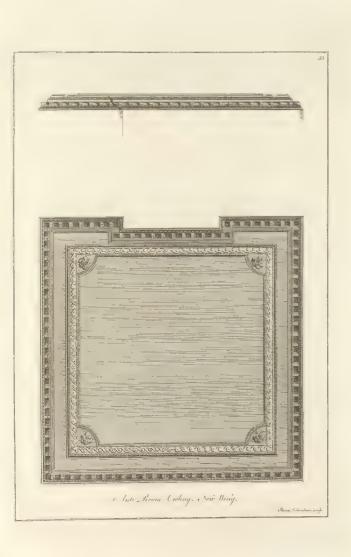
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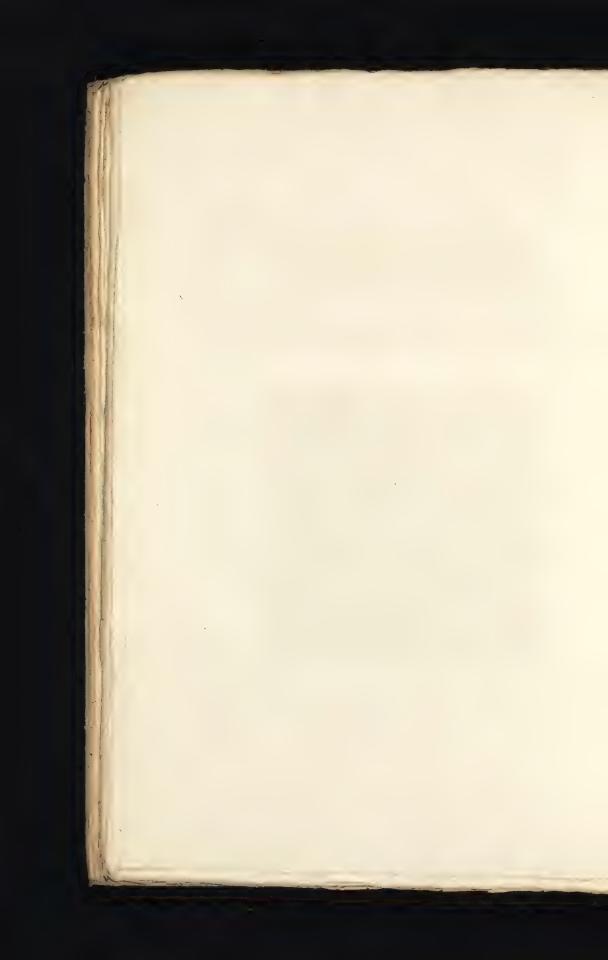


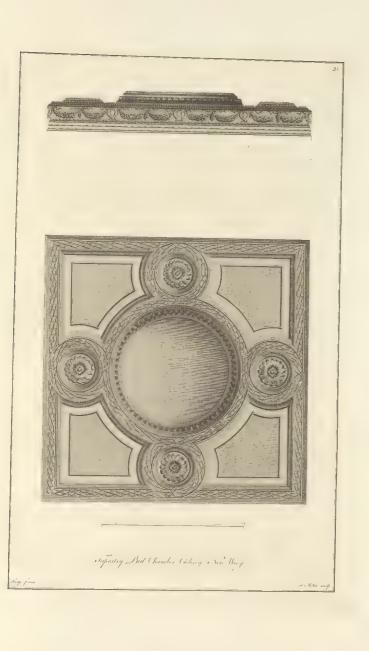


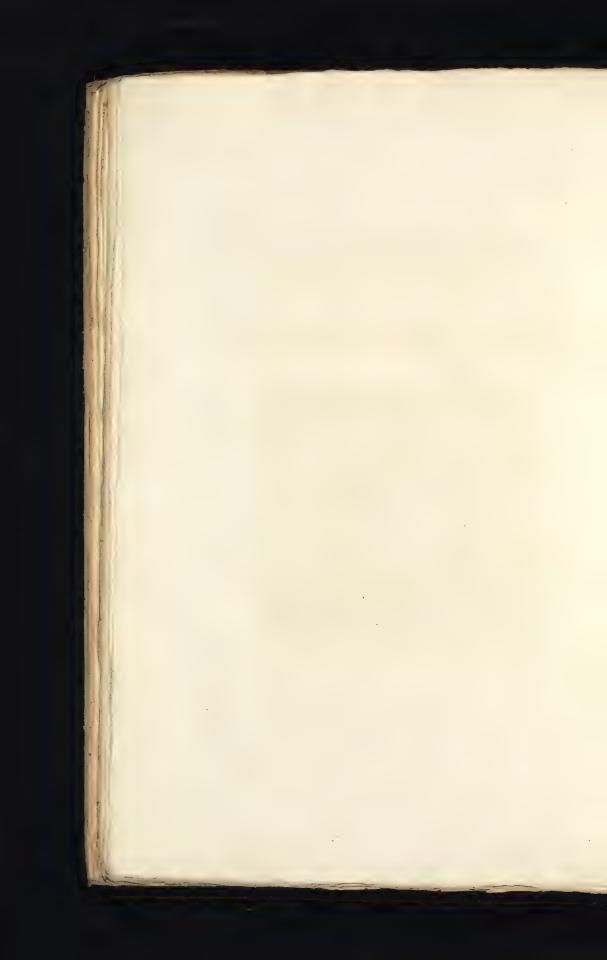
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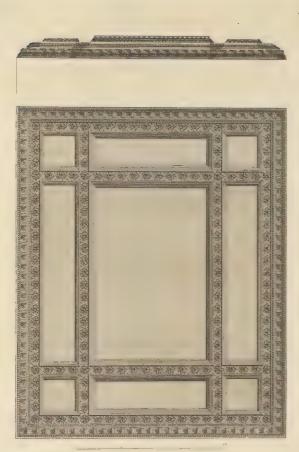








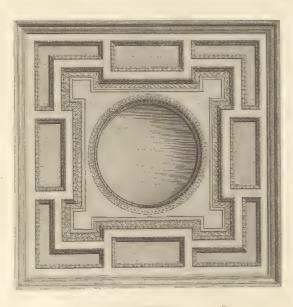




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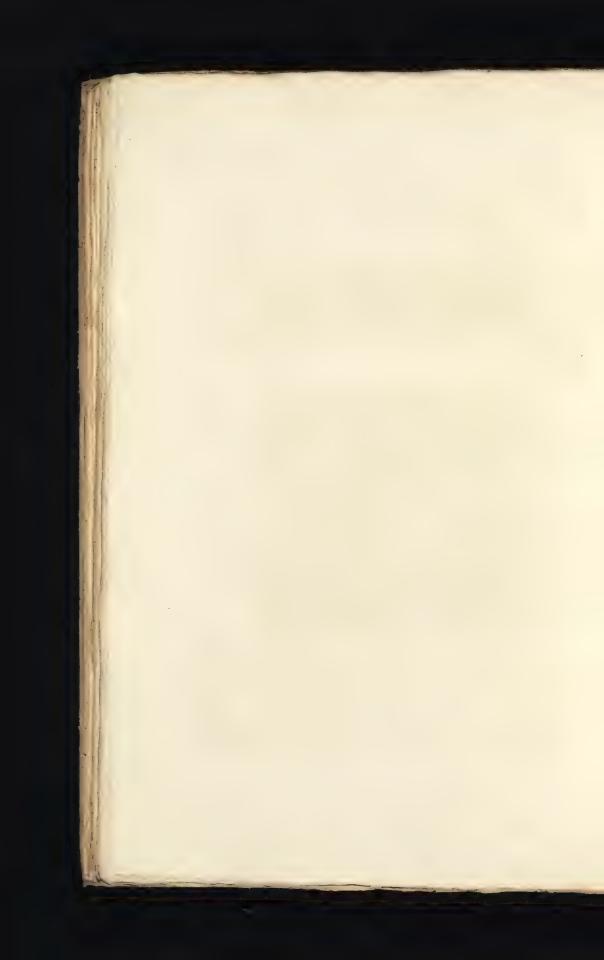


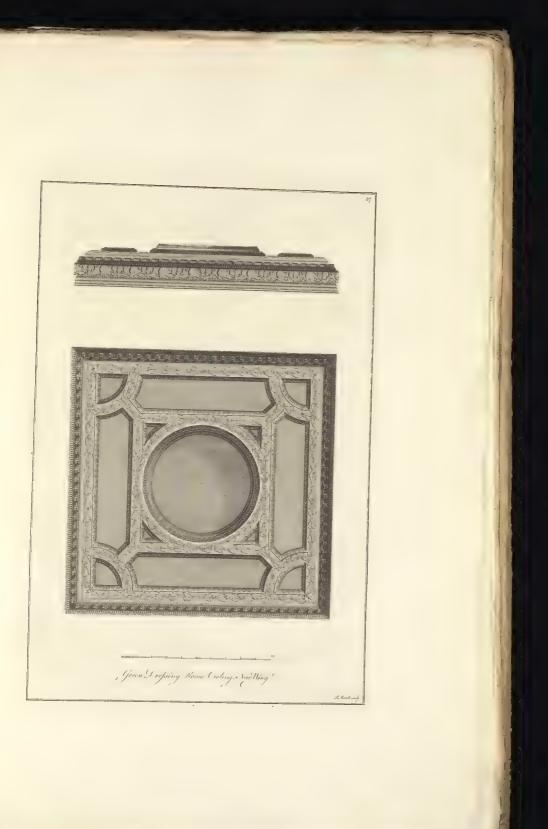


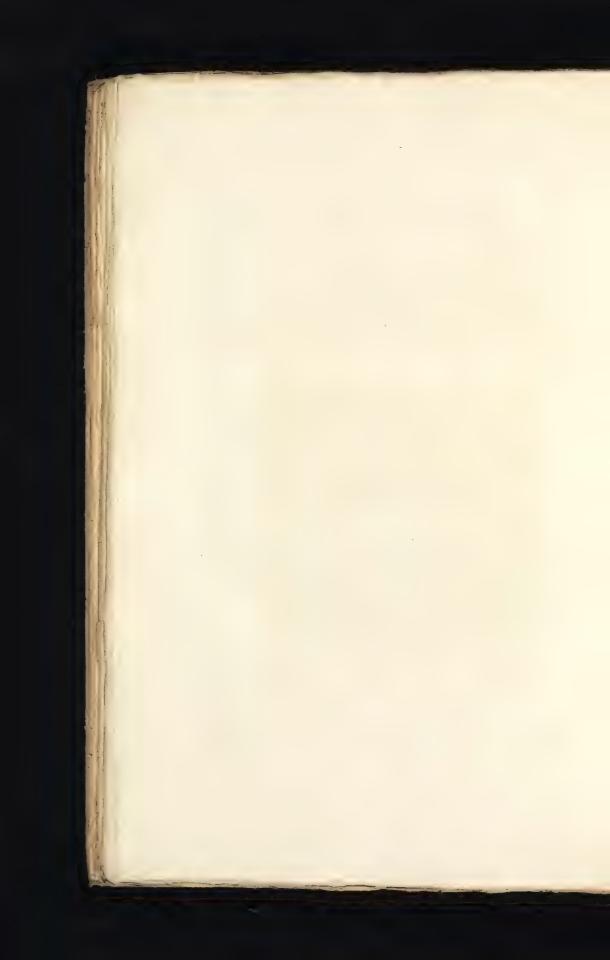
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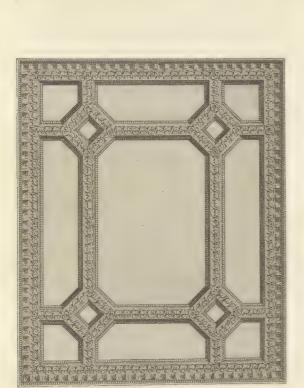
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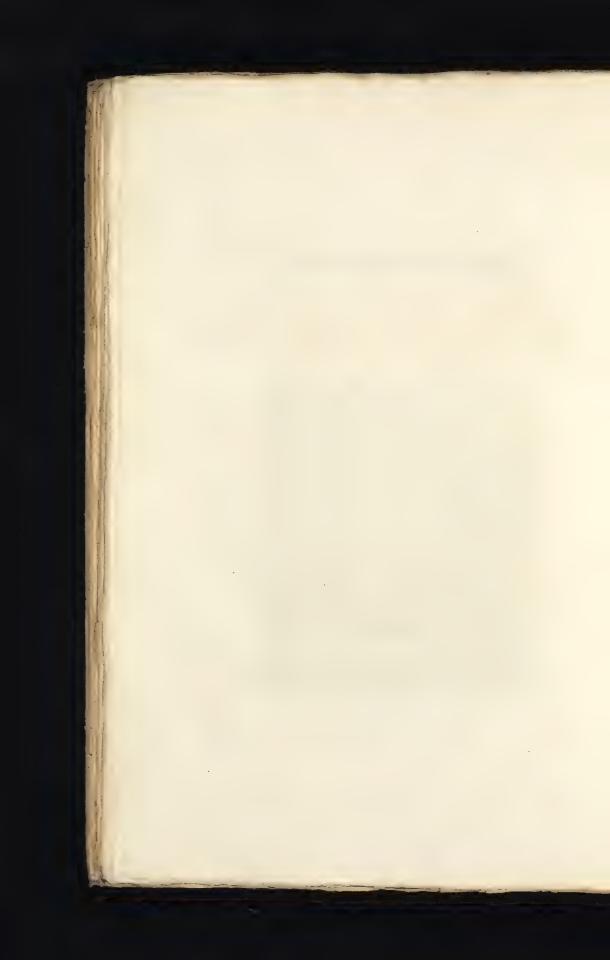


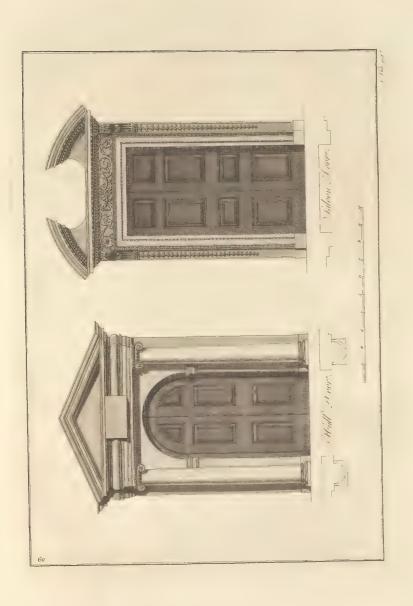


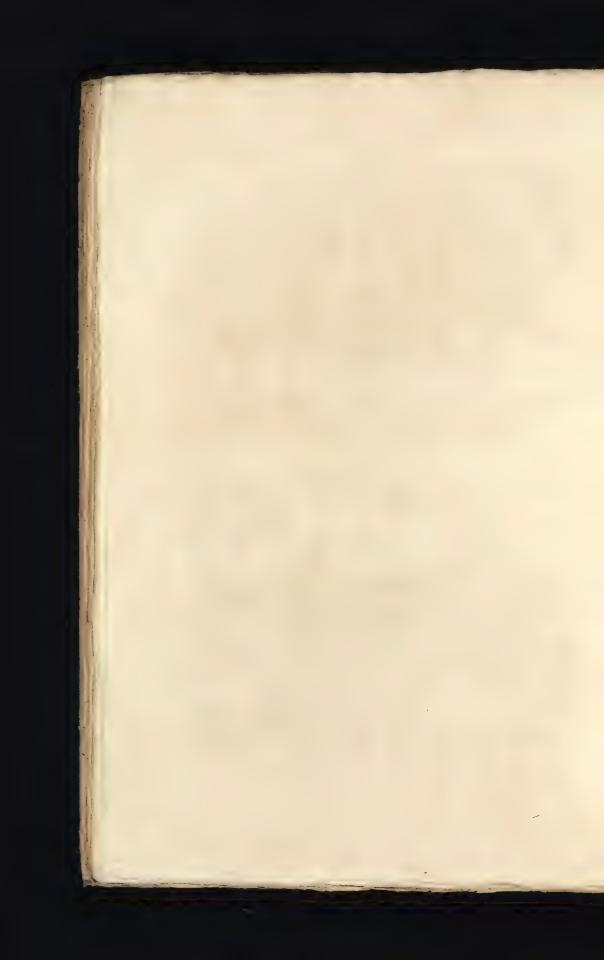


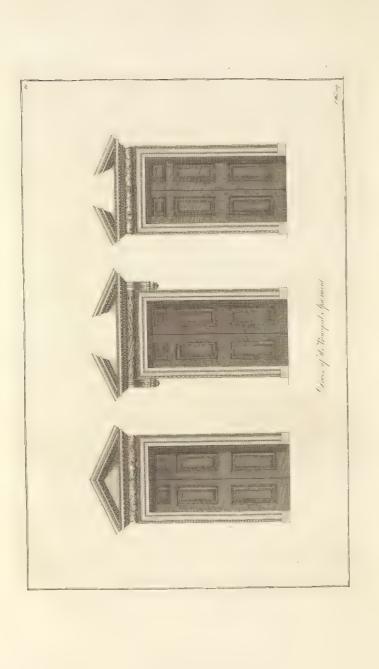


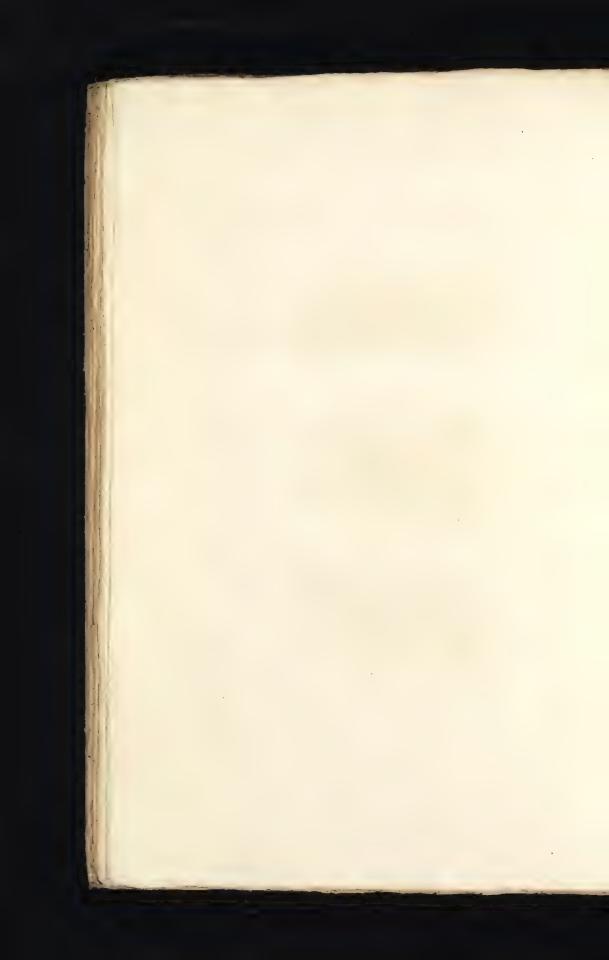
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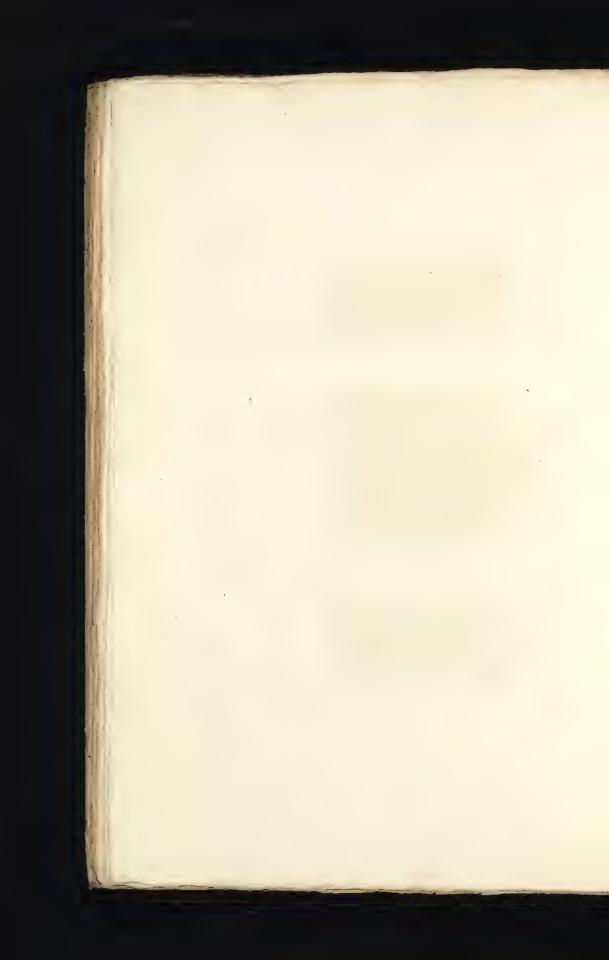


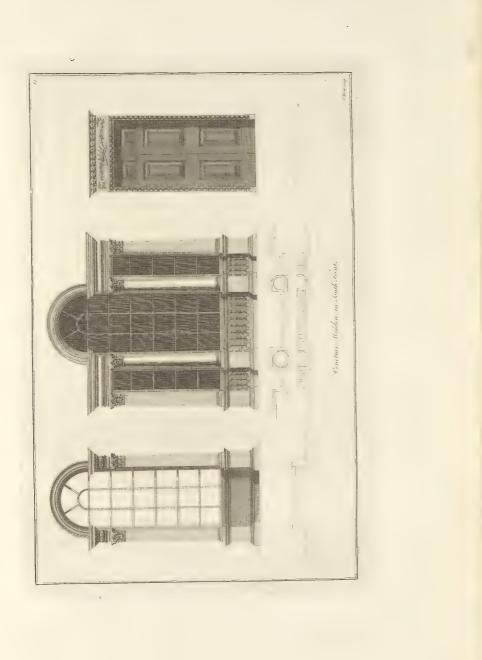


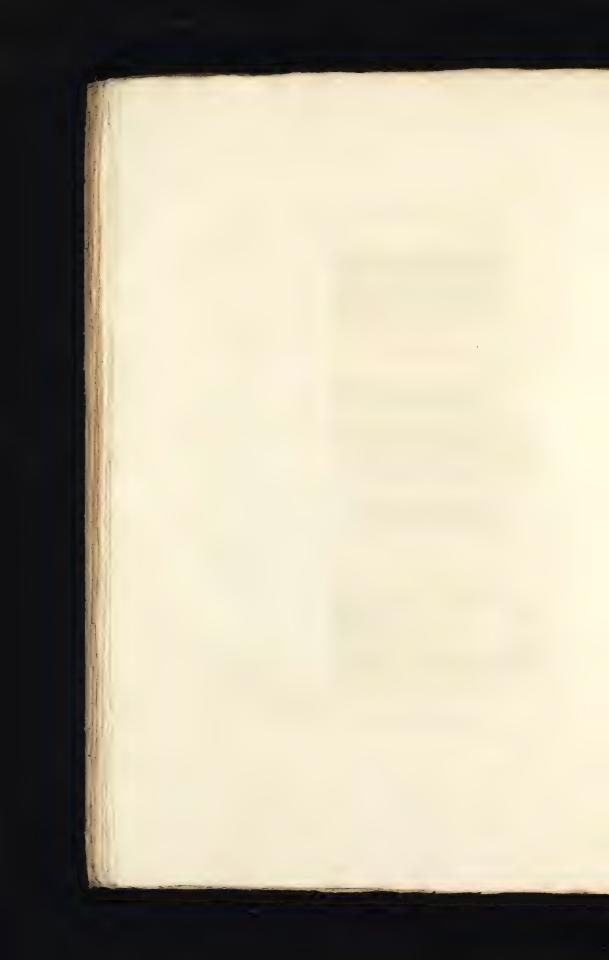


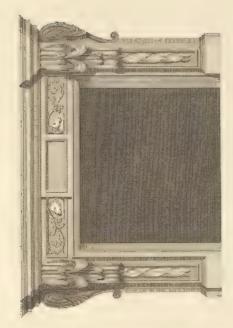


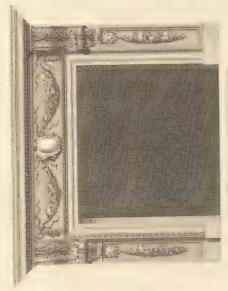






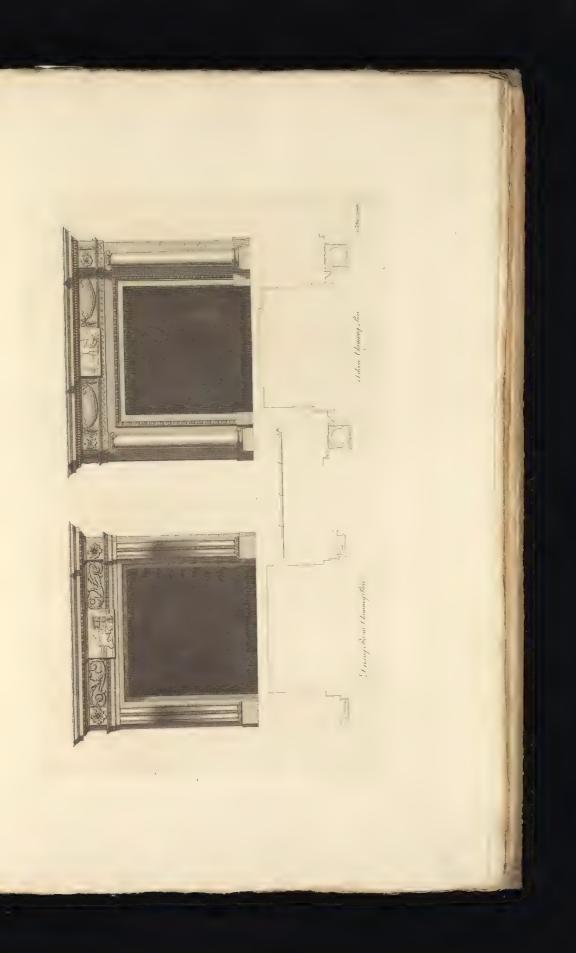






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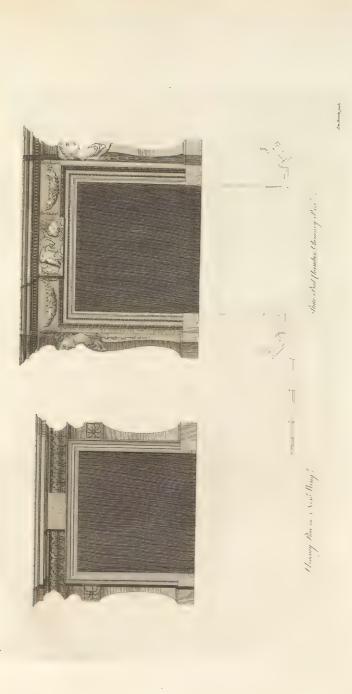




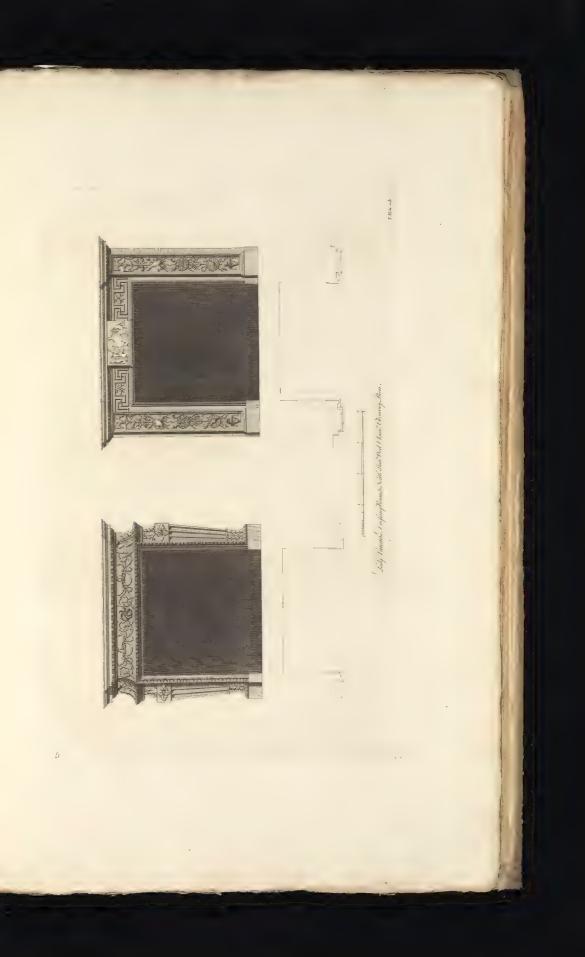


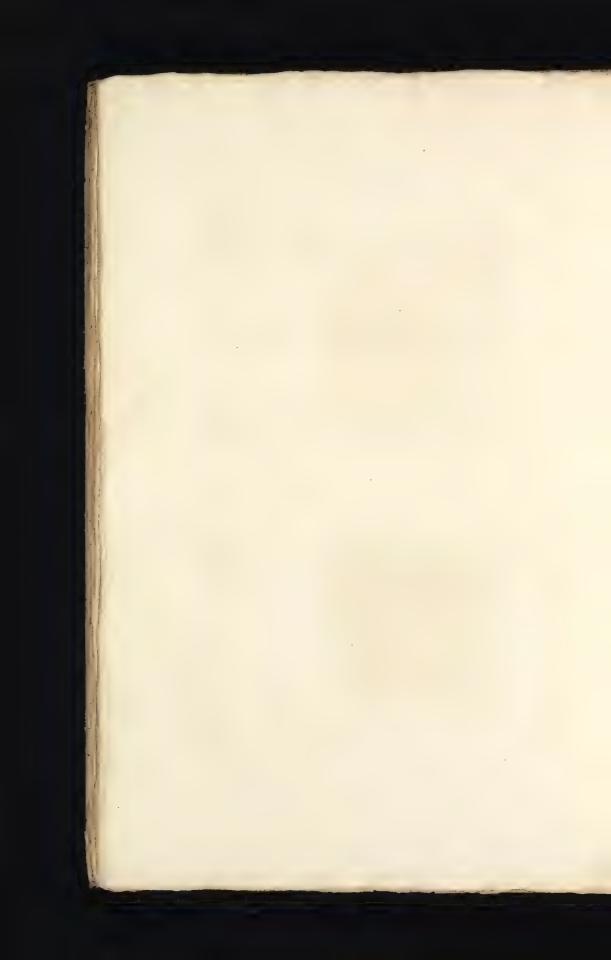


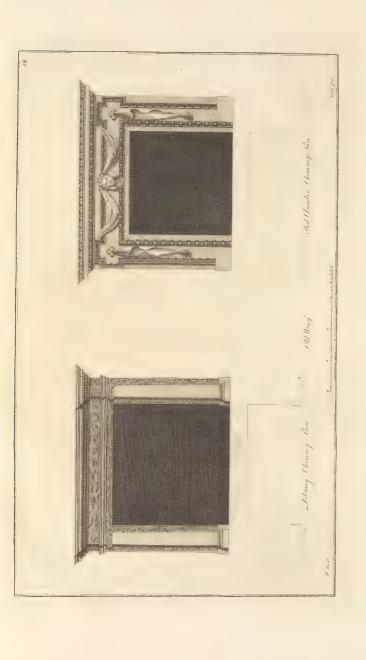


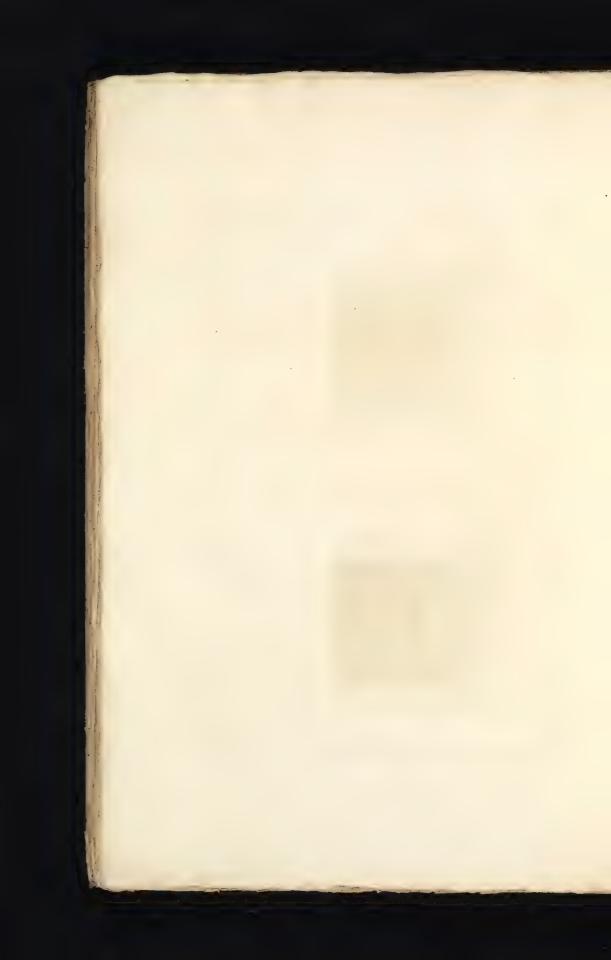


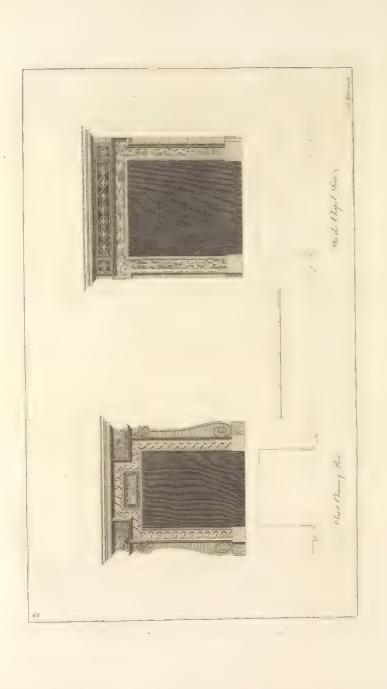


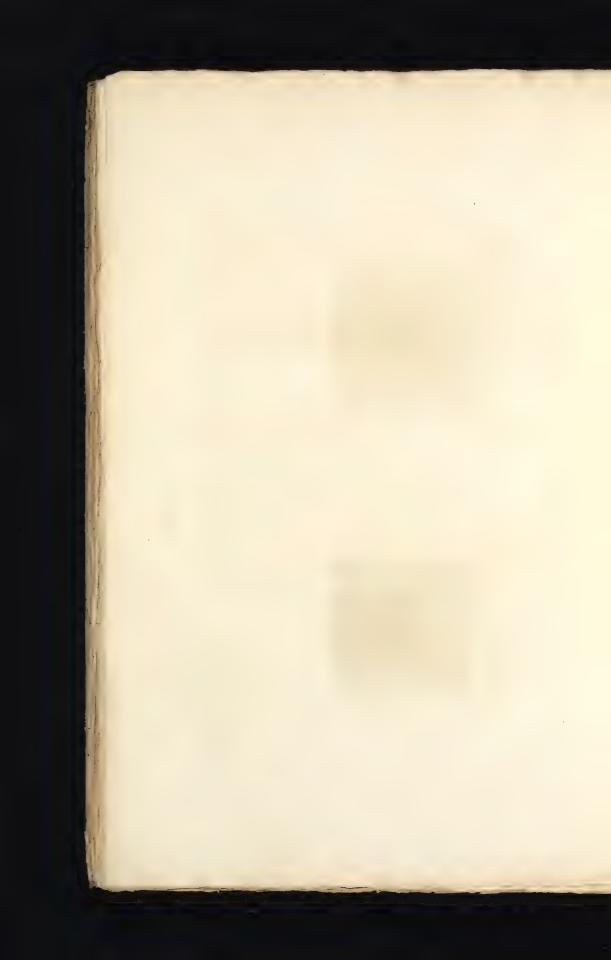


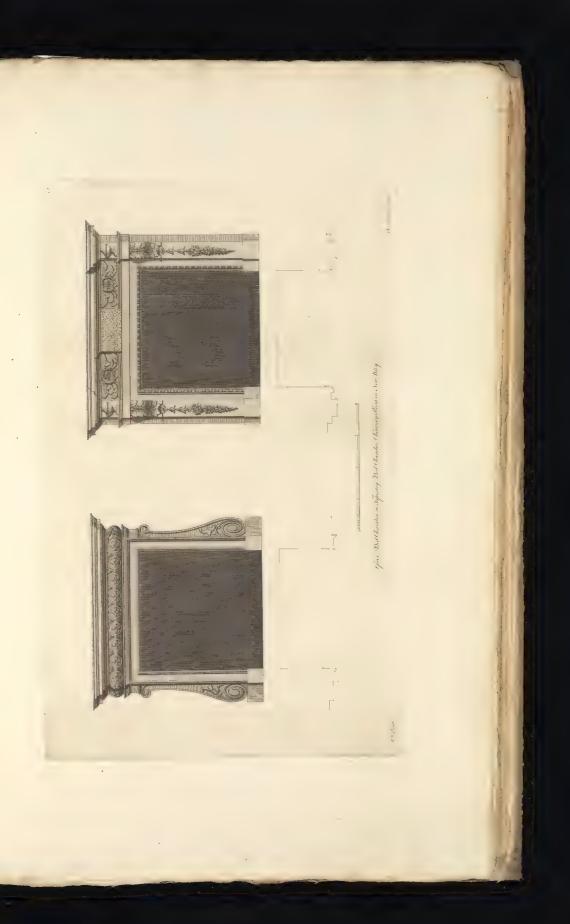


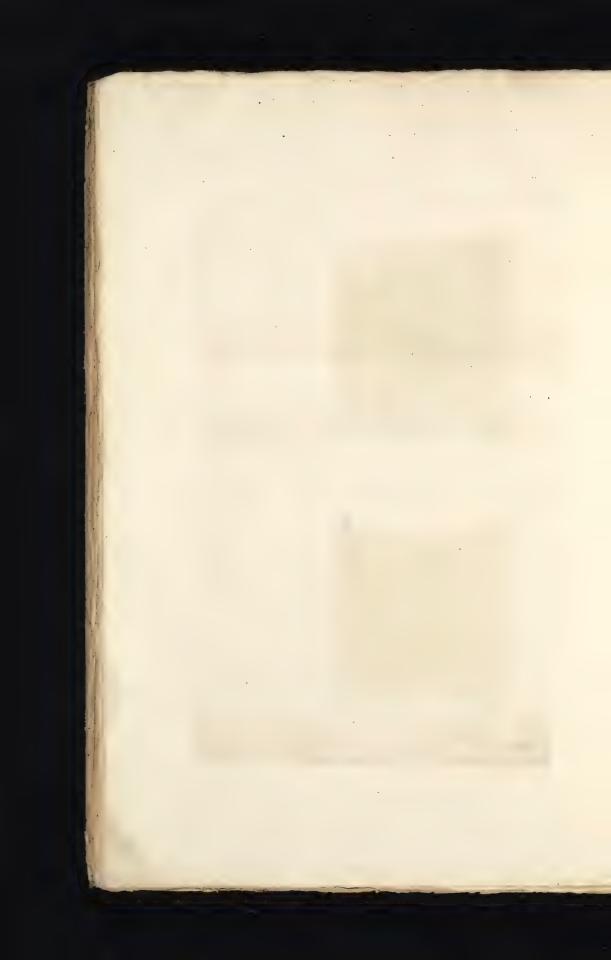


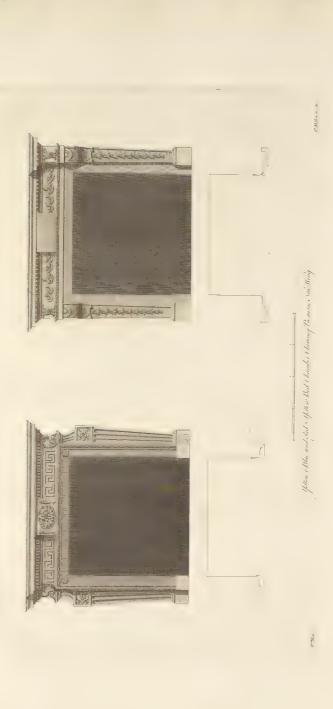




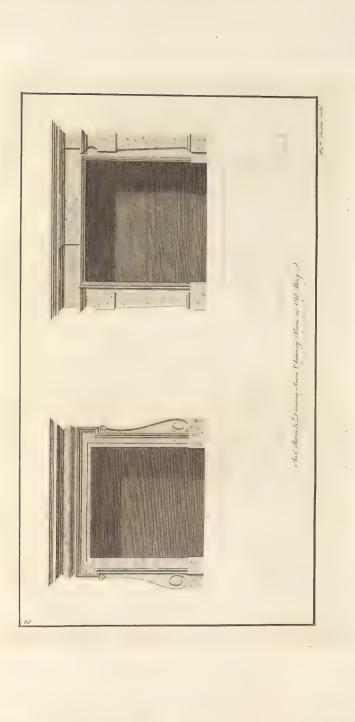


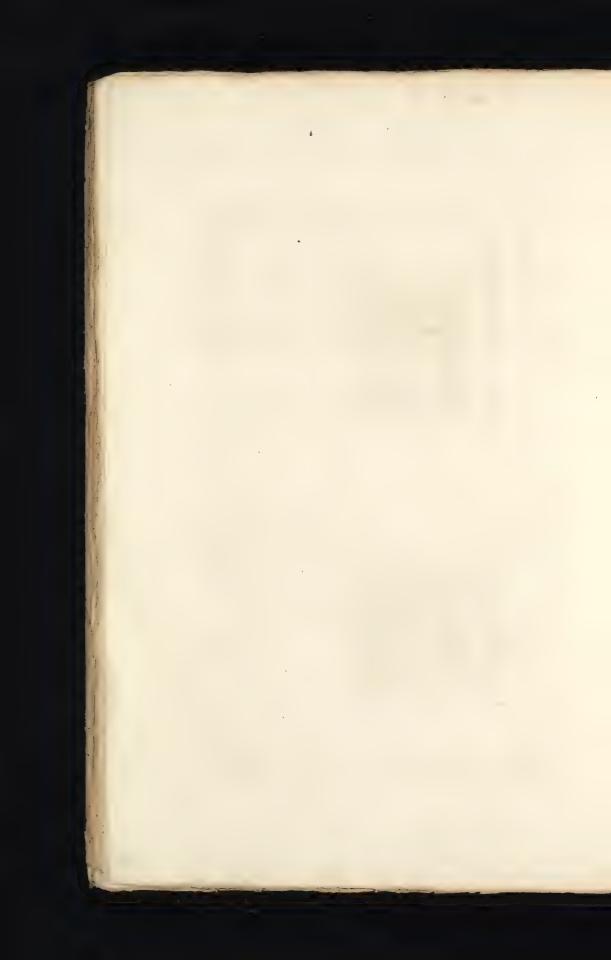


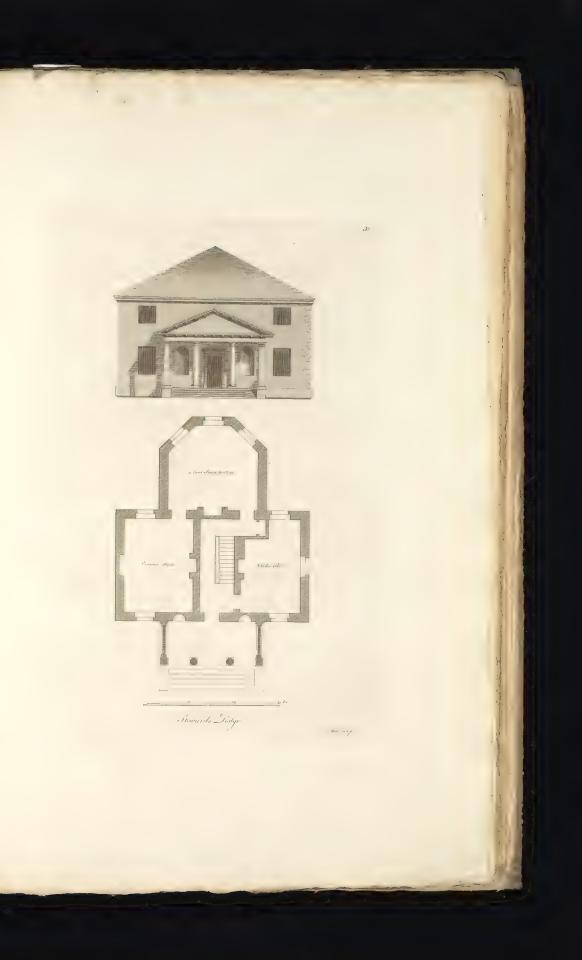


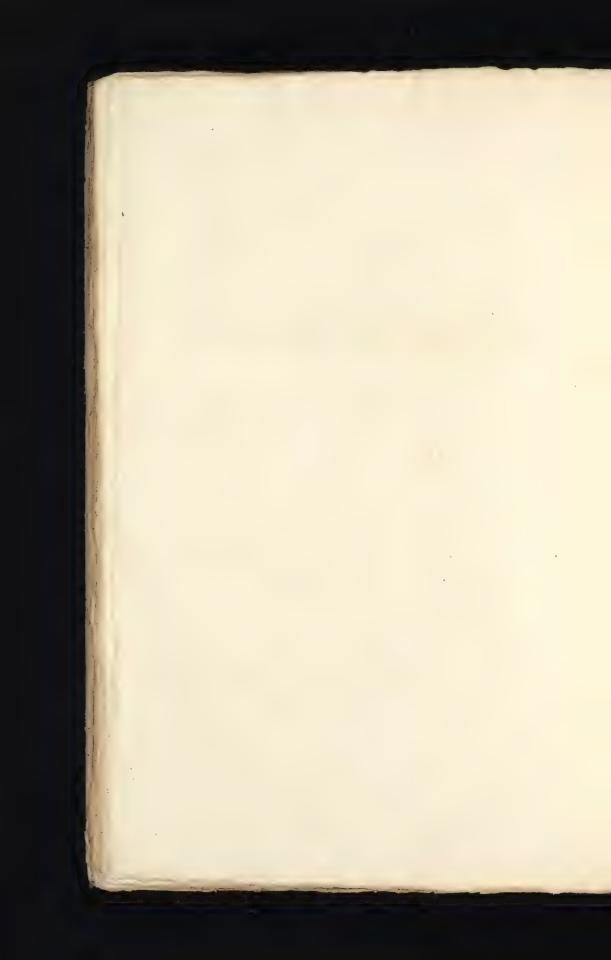


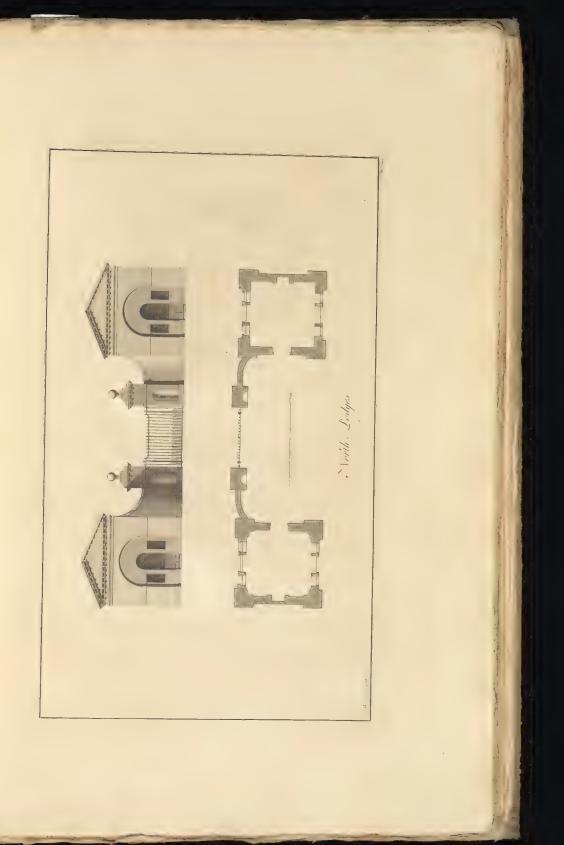


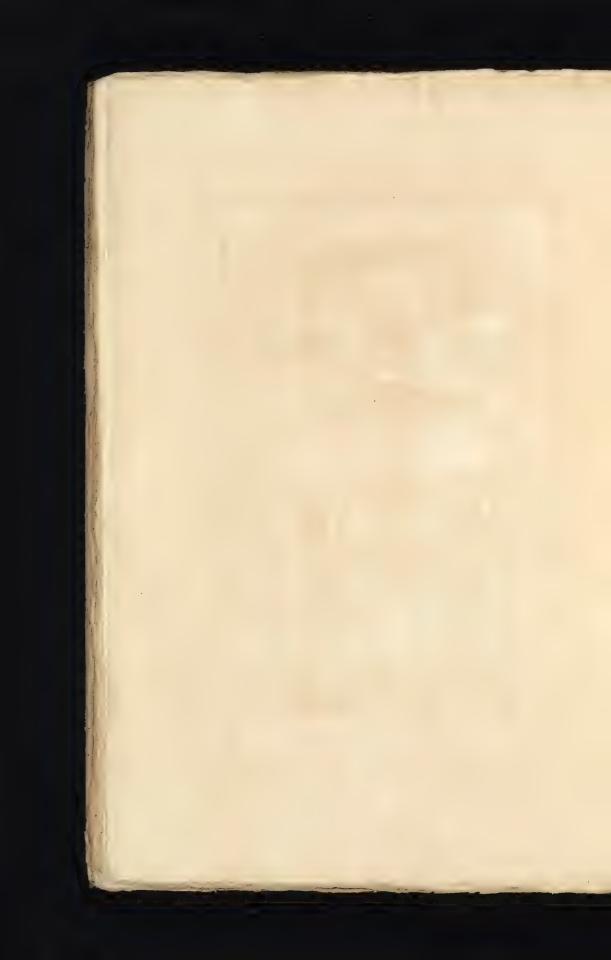


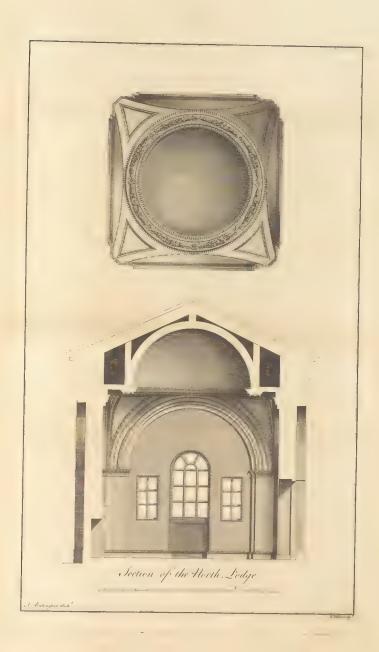




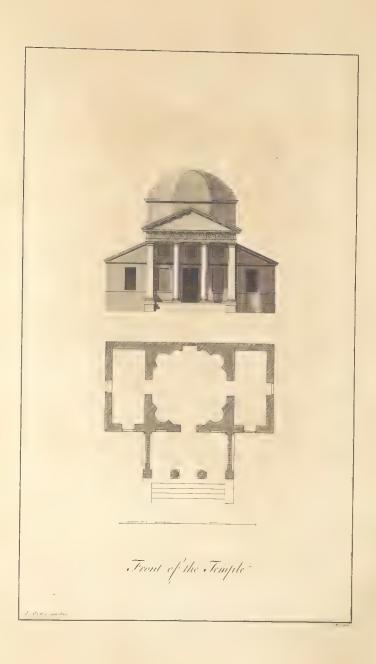




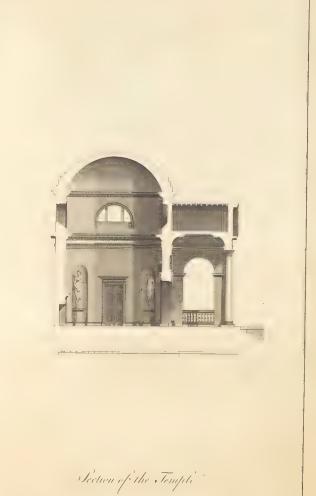




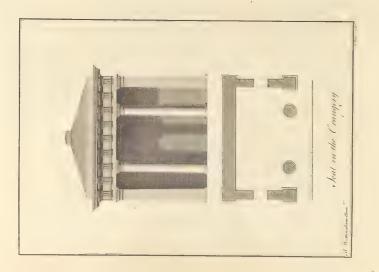


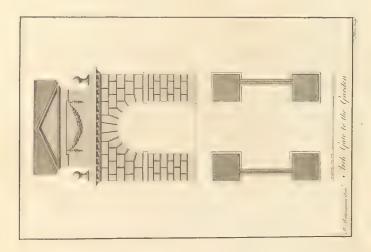


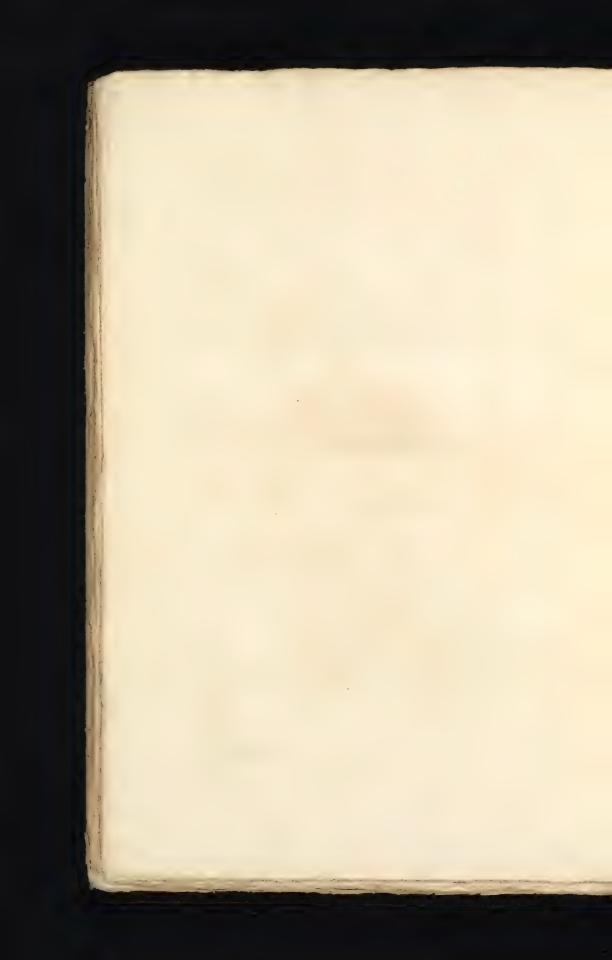




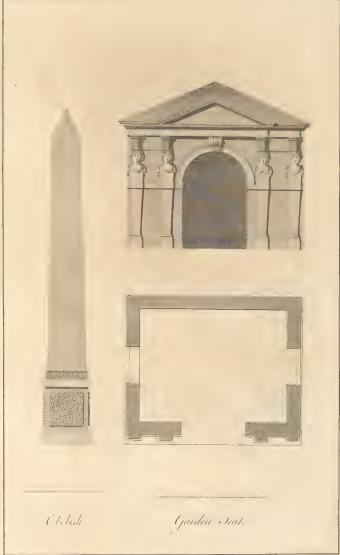


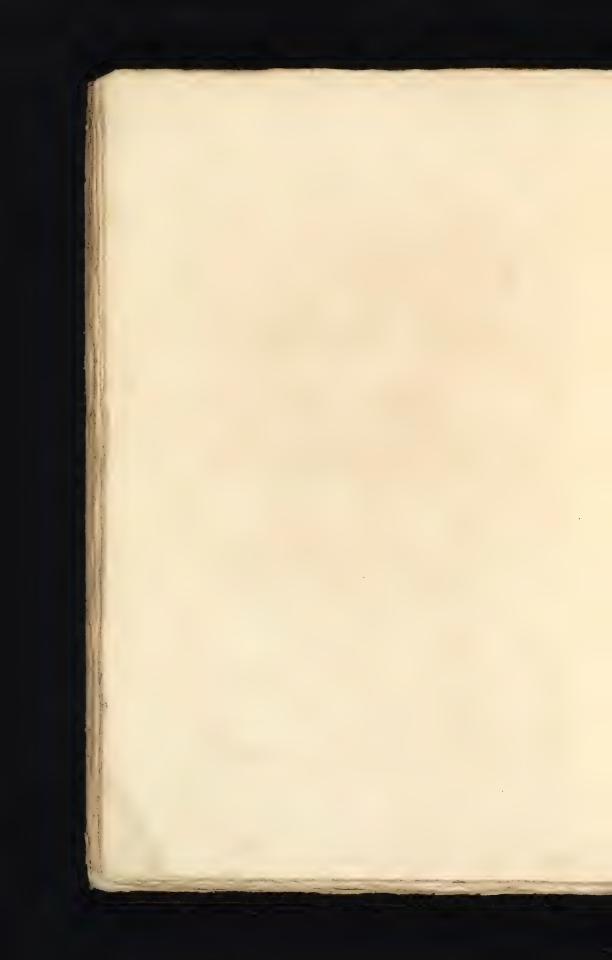


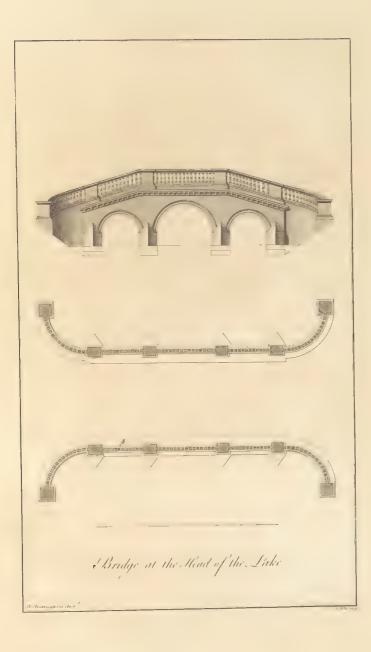


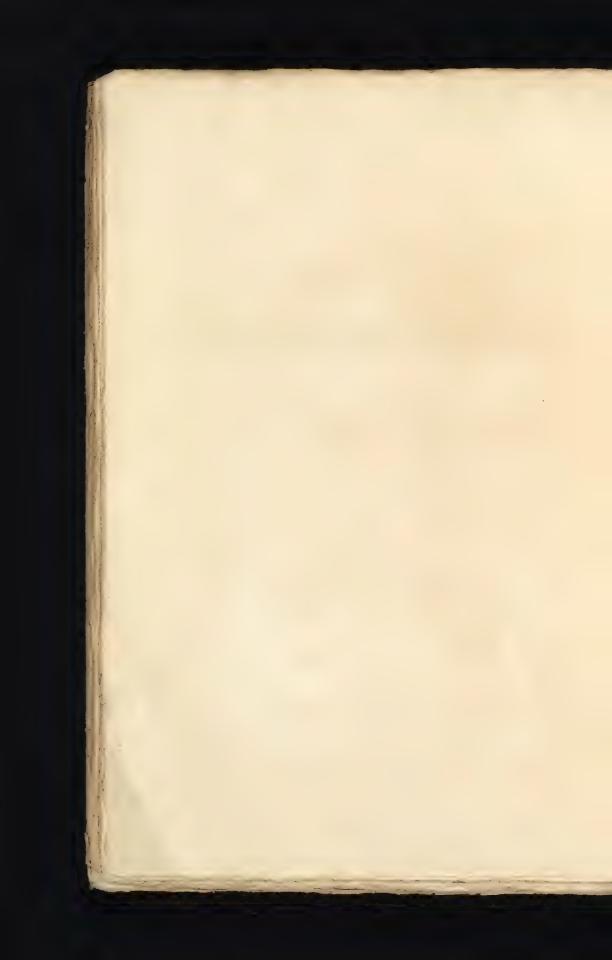


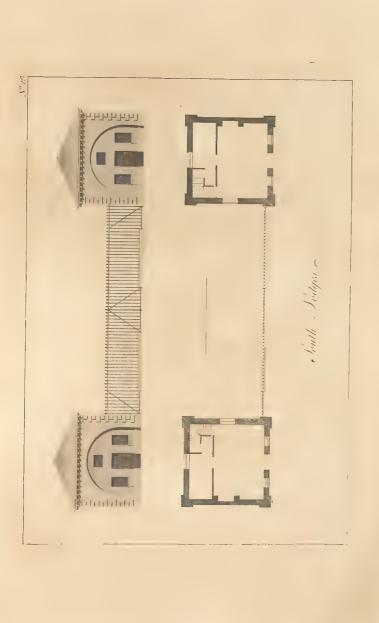




















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